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#### About this record

The file contains papers regarding a visit by the King of Italy (Victor Emmanuel III) to Aden and Italian Somaliland [present-day north eastern, central and southern Somalia], during October to November 1934. The King arrived on board the *Savoia* , escorted by the cruiser *Gorizia* .

The majority of the file comprises correspondence between the Colonial Office, the Foreign Office, the Aden Chief Commissioner (Bernard Reilly), the Italian Embassy in London, the British Ambassador to Italy (Sir Eric Drummond), the Admiralty, and HMS *Penzance* . The correspondence concerns arrangements for the King's arrival, the confusion over the public or private nature of the visit, whether the standard should be flown, and what honours and salutes should be granted accordingly.

The file also contains a letter from Reilly remarking on the King's visit (folios 20-21), and a letter and report from Drummond providing details of the King's tour of Italian Somaliland (folios 13-18). Later correspondence concerns the confusion over the arrival procedures, and the question as to whether a formal complaint should be submitted, plus details of additional expenses to be met by the Government of India.

The file includes a divider which gives a list of correspondence references contained in the file by year. This is placed at the end of the correspondence (folio 1).



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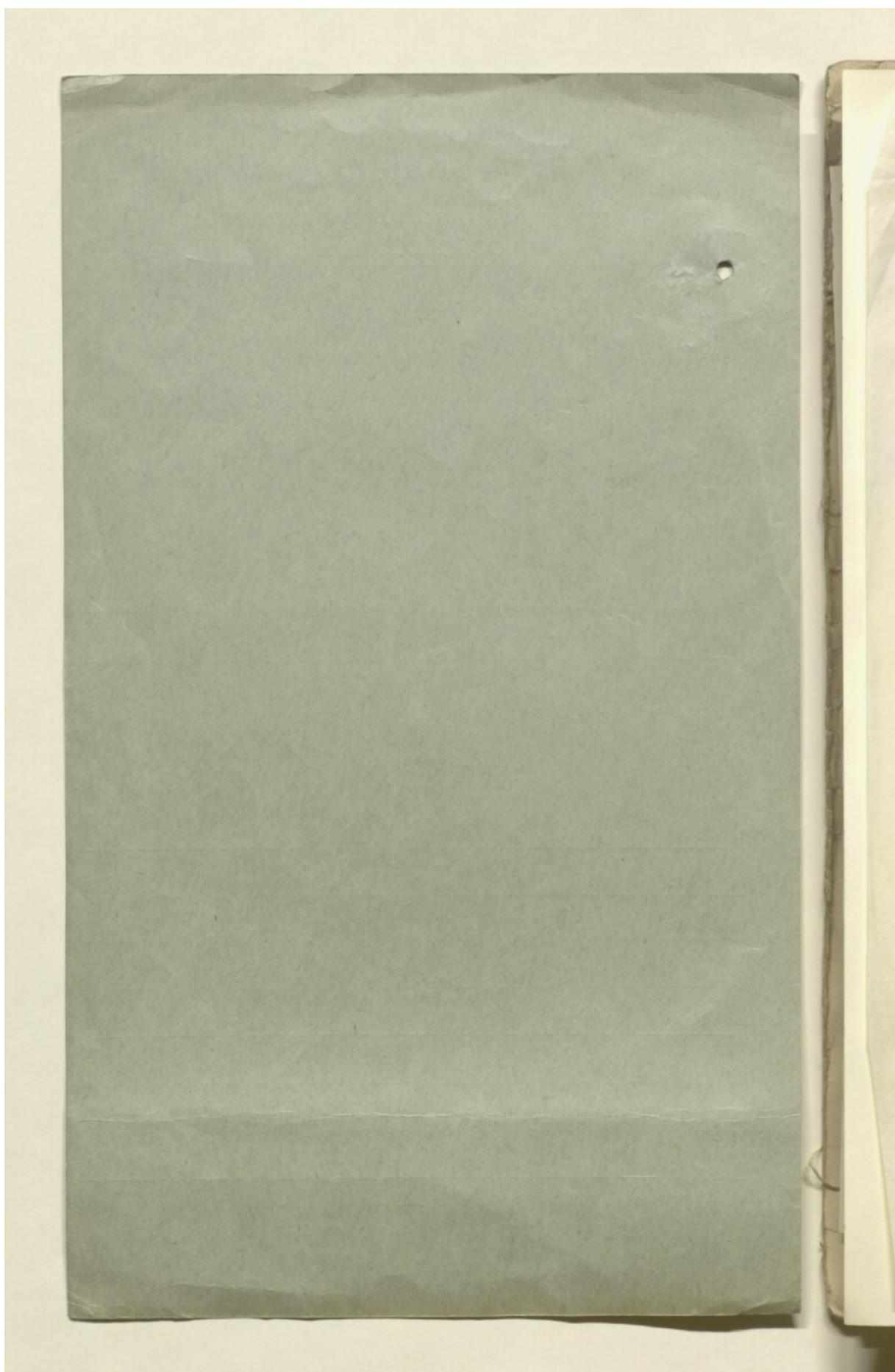
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Copy of a letter No. 4836, dated Aden, the 13th July 1935, from the Ag. Chief Commissioner, Aden, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign and Political Department, Simla.

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Expenditure incurred in connection with the visit of His Majesty the King of Italy to Aden.

I have the honour to refer to the telegraphic correspondence between the Government of India and this Residency on the subject noted above and to state that a sum of Rs. 211/12/- as shown in the statement enclosed was incurred by this office in connection with the visit of His Majesty the King of Italy to Aden in October 1934 and charged to the contingent grant.

2. I enclose for the information of the Government of India a copy of letter No. D.A.I.A.Aden/574 dated 20th June 1935 from the Accountant General, Bombay, and in view of the concluding sentence thereof, I request that I may be informed whether the expenditure should be shared equally between His Majesty's Government and the Government of India.

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Dated 8 AUG 1935  
Received 26 AUG 1935

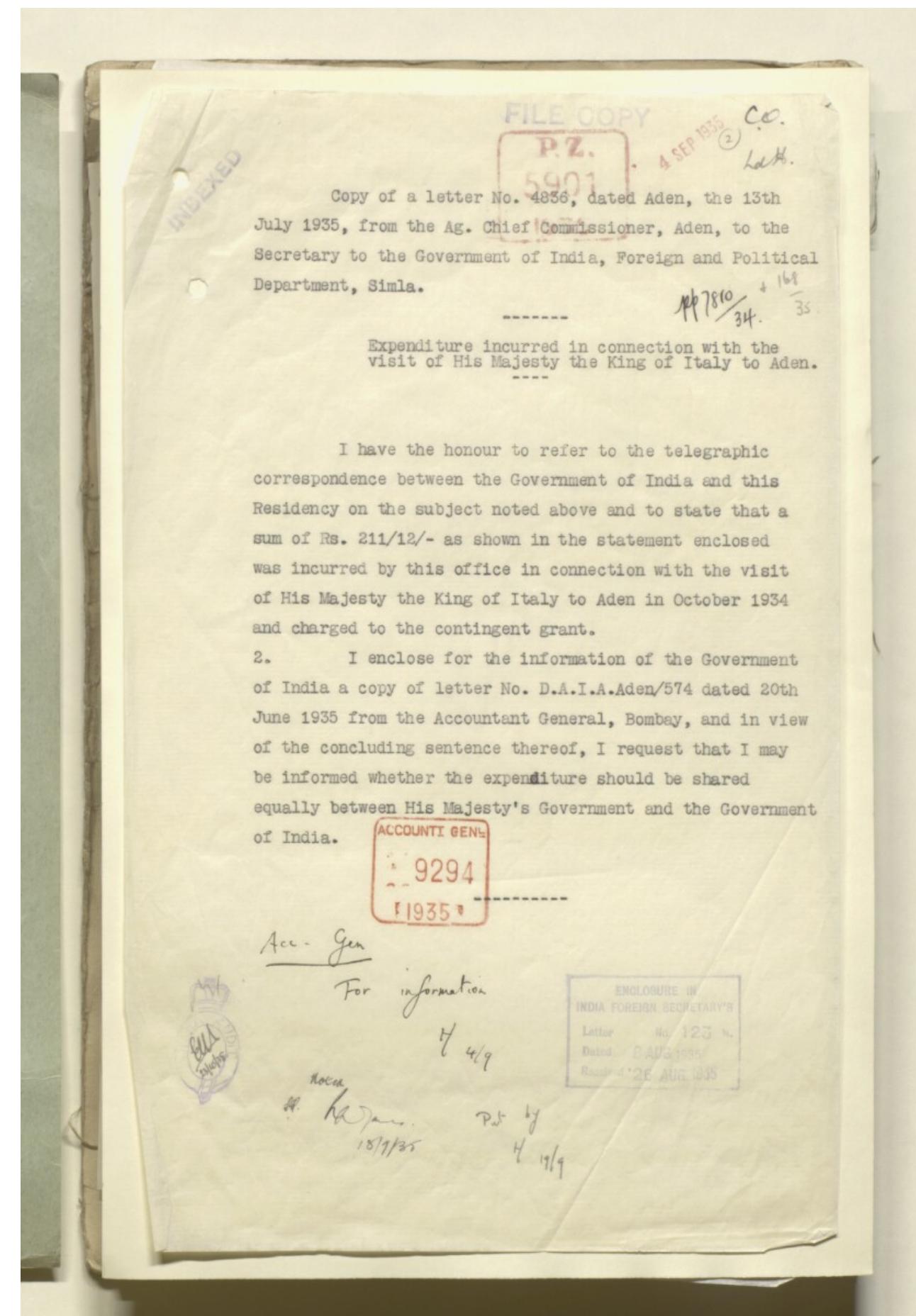


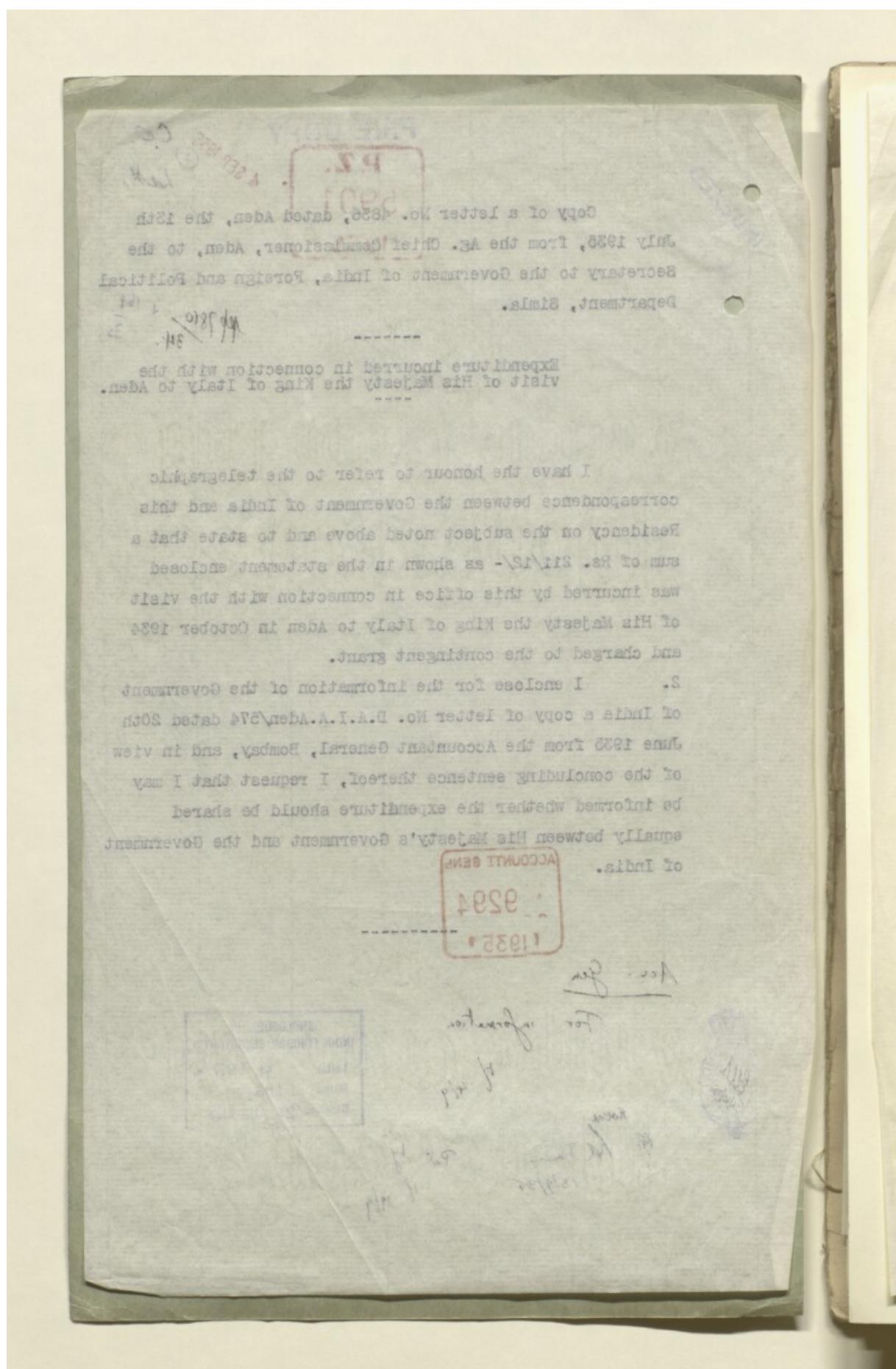
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KING OF ITALY'S VISIT.

Hire of 8 taxis.	Rs. 135- 0-0
Detention charges for 5 taxis.	" 18-12-0
Flags for Police Pilot Cars	" 3- 0-0
Taxi and bus hire for conveying Policemen from Crater to Tawahi, Maala and Salt Works and back on 28th and 30th October 1934.	" 25- 0-0
Bus hire for taking Policemen from Maala to Barrier Gate and back on 28th and 30th October 1934.	" 4- 0-0
Taxi engaged by Inspector Abdulla Khan to see Commandant of Police on 29th October 1934 at 7 p.m. to receive instructions.	" 4- 0-0
Marina Hotel, food supplied to Corporal Reed on 28th and 29th October 1934.	" 10-0- 0
Inspector Cabral's claim for T.A. for journey to Tawahi to see Commandant of Police on 15, 23, 25 and 29th October 1934 to receive instructions.	" 12- 0-0
<hr/> Rs. 211-12-0 <hr/>	

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 Copy of letter No. D.A.I.Aden/574 dated 20th June 1935 from the Accountant General, Bombay, to the Civil Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Aden.

Expenditure incurred in connection with the visit of the King of Italy to Aden.  
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With reference to the Residency endorsement No. 3669 dated 28th May 1935 addressed to the Treasury Officer, Aden, copy received in this office, I have the honour to state that a copy of the Government of India instructions referred to therein has not been received in this office. I would therefore request that if there is no objection, a copy of the same may kindly be furnished. I would also request that if the instructions do not specify the incidence of expenditure and the proportion in which it is to be borne by the Indian Government and the Home Government, order of the Government of India may kindly be obtained in the ~~that~~ respect.





No. F.328-N/35.

From

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India  
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To

The Chief Commissioner, Aden.

Dated Simla, the 7<sup>th</sup> August 1935.

Incidence of expenditure incurred in  
connection with the visit of His Majesty  
the King of Italy to Aden.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 4836, dated the 13th July 1935, I am directed to say that the Government of India agree to bear a moiety of the expenditure amounting to Rs. 211/12/- (two hundred and eleven annas twelve only) incurred in connection with the visit of His Majesty the King of Italy to Aden in October 1934. This is based on the analogy of visit of His Majesty the Emperor of Ethiopia. The Government of India consider, however, that as the expenditure is entirely political it ought to be wholly charged to His Majesty's Government. They do not propose to press this point in the present case in view of the smallness of the amount involved and the fact that this cannot be used as a precedent as Aden will soon pass out of India.

A copy of this correspondence is being sent to the India Office.

ENCLOSURE IN INDIA FOREIGN SECRETARY'S	
Letter	No. 123
Dated	8 AUG. 1935
Received	26 AUG. 1935

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd. O.K. Caroe,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.



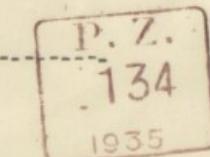


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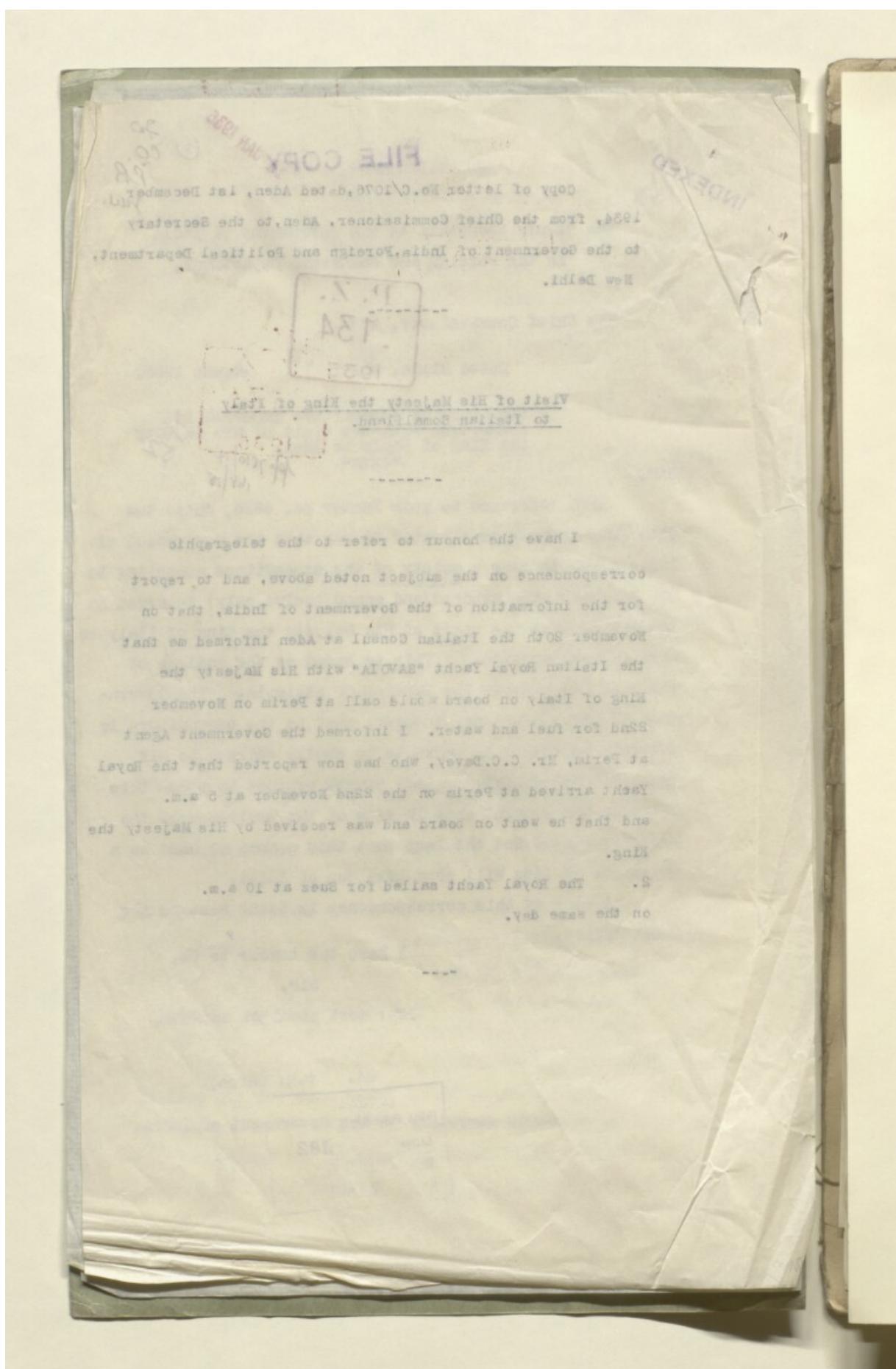
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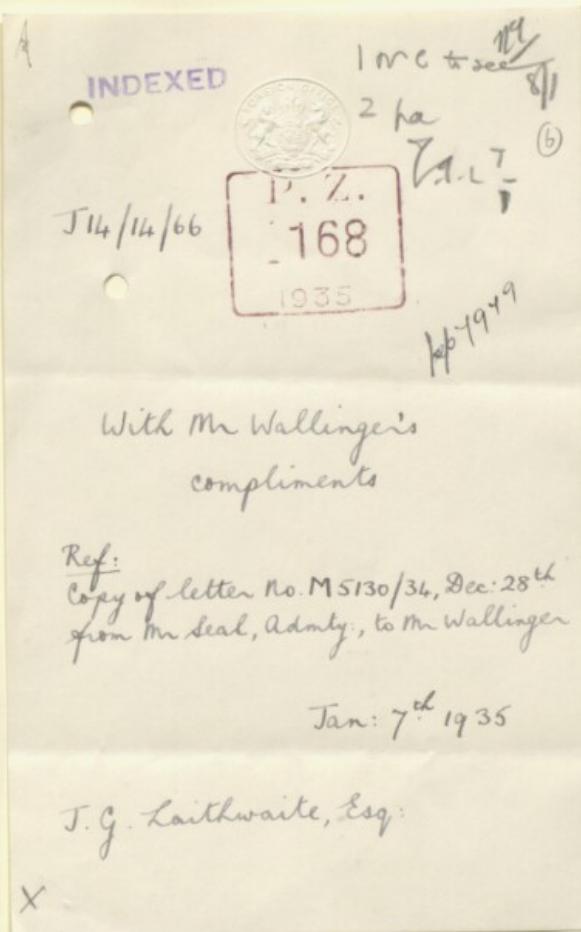
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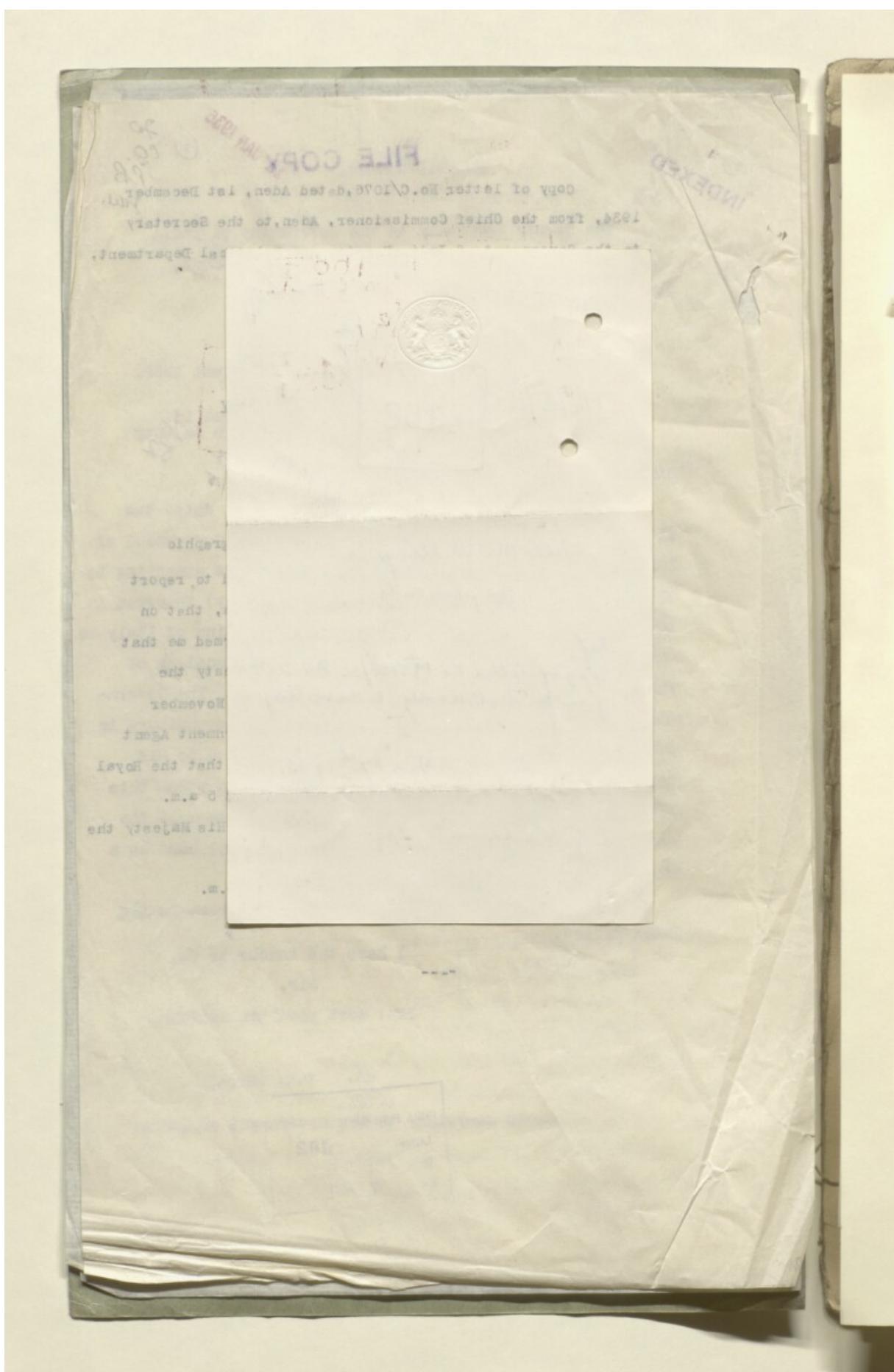
I have the honour to refer to the telegraphic correspondence on the subject noted above, and to report for the information of the Government of India, that on November 20th the Italian Consul at Aden informed me that the Italian Royal Yacht "SAVOIA" with His Majesty the King of Italy on board would call at Perim on November 22nd for fuel and water. I informed the Government Agent at Perim, Mr. C.C. Davey, who has now reported that the Royal Yacht arrived at Perim on the 22nd November at 5 a.m. and that he went on board and was received by His Majesty the King.

2. The Royal Yacht sailed for Suez at 10 a.m. on the same day.











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FOREIGN OFFICE. S.W.1.

(J 14/14/66)

5th January, 1935.

Dear Seal,

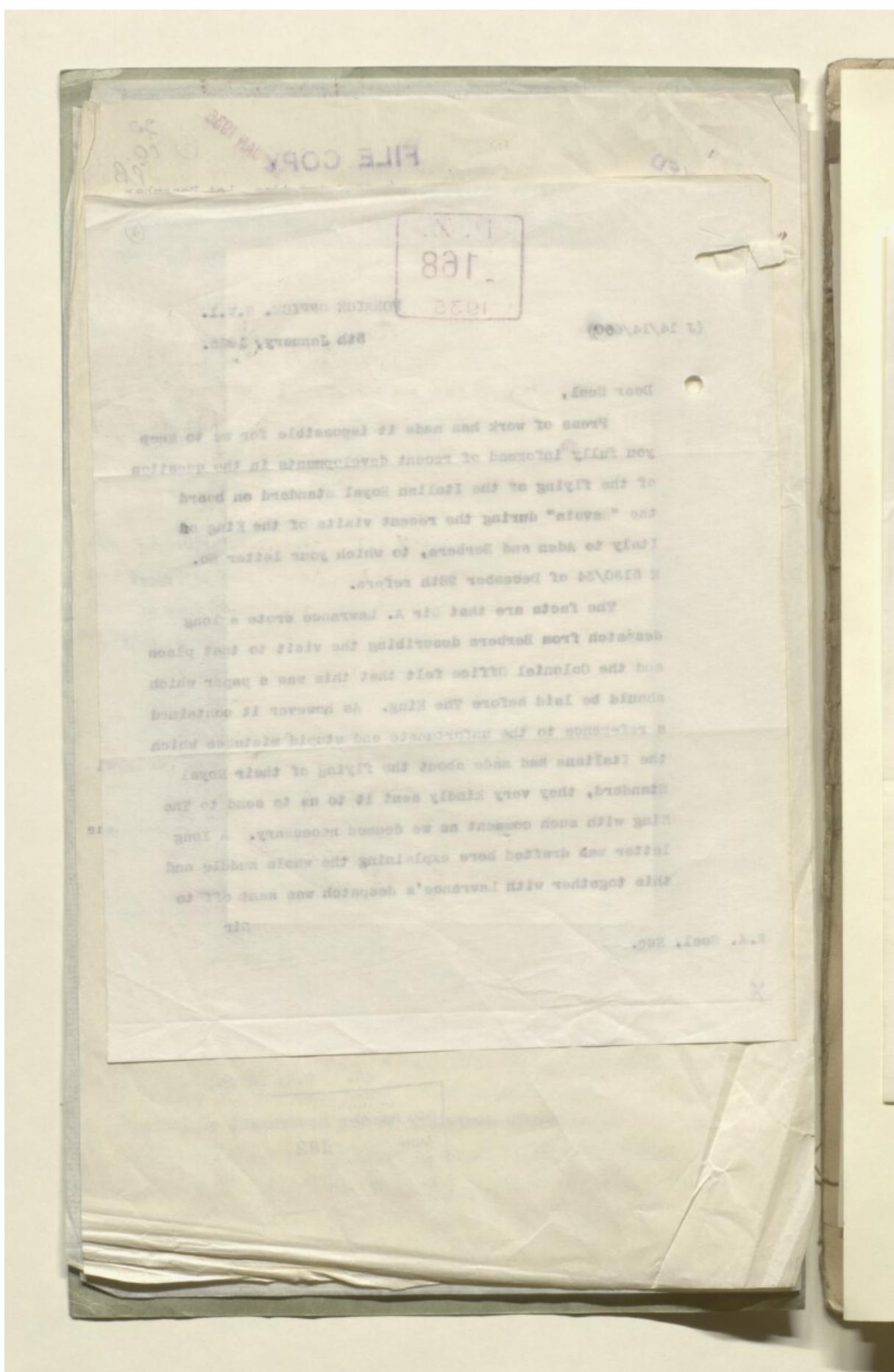
Press of work has made it impossible for me to keep you fully informed of recent developments in the question of the flying of the Italian Royal Standard on board the "Savoia" during the recent visits of the King of Italy to Aden and Berbera, to which your letter No. M 5130/34 of December 28th refers.

The facts are that Sir A. Lawrence wrote a long despatch from Berbera describing the visit to that place and the Colonial Office felt that this was a paper which should be laid before The King. As however it contained a reference to the unfortunate and stupid mistakes which the Italians had made about the flying of their Royal Standard, they very kindly sent it to us to send to The King with such comment as we deemed necessary. A long letter was drafted here explaining the whole muddle and this together with Lawrence's despatch was sent off to

Sir

R. A. Seal, Esq.

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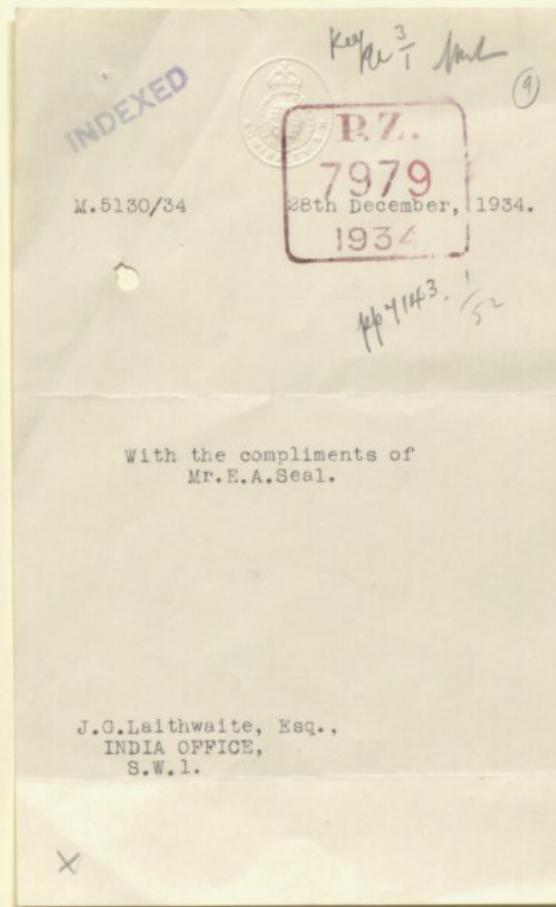
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Sir Clive Wiggin. I need not trouble you with a copy of this letter which merely recapitulates a story which we know only too well! But Mitchell, replying to it from Sandringham on December 23rd, wrote as follows:-

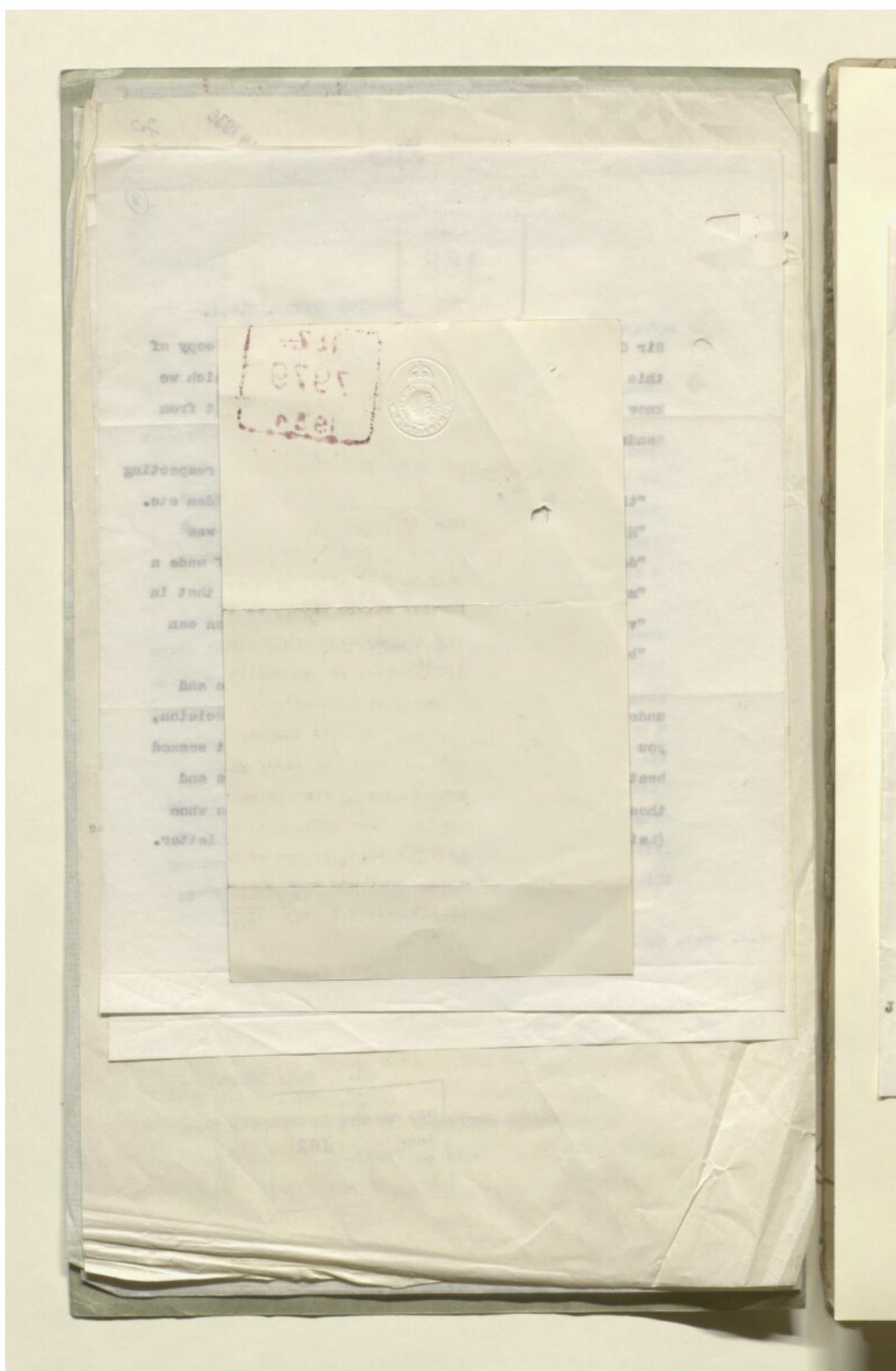
The King has read with interest the account respecting "the King of Italy's recent visits to Berbera Aden etc. His Majesty realises that although everything was "done to carry out his wishes the Italian Staff made a "muddle of all arrangements. The King agrees that in "view of what the Embassy said no further action can "be taken in the matter".

I explained all this to you on the telephone and understand that, in the light of His Majesty's decision, you agree that no further action is required. It seemed best, however, to record the facts for your files and those of the India Office and Colonial Office, to whom (Leithwaite and Lee) I am sending copies of this letter.

*Yours sincerely,  
(Sd) Geoffrey Wallinger*









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Military Branch,  
ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

28th December, 1934.

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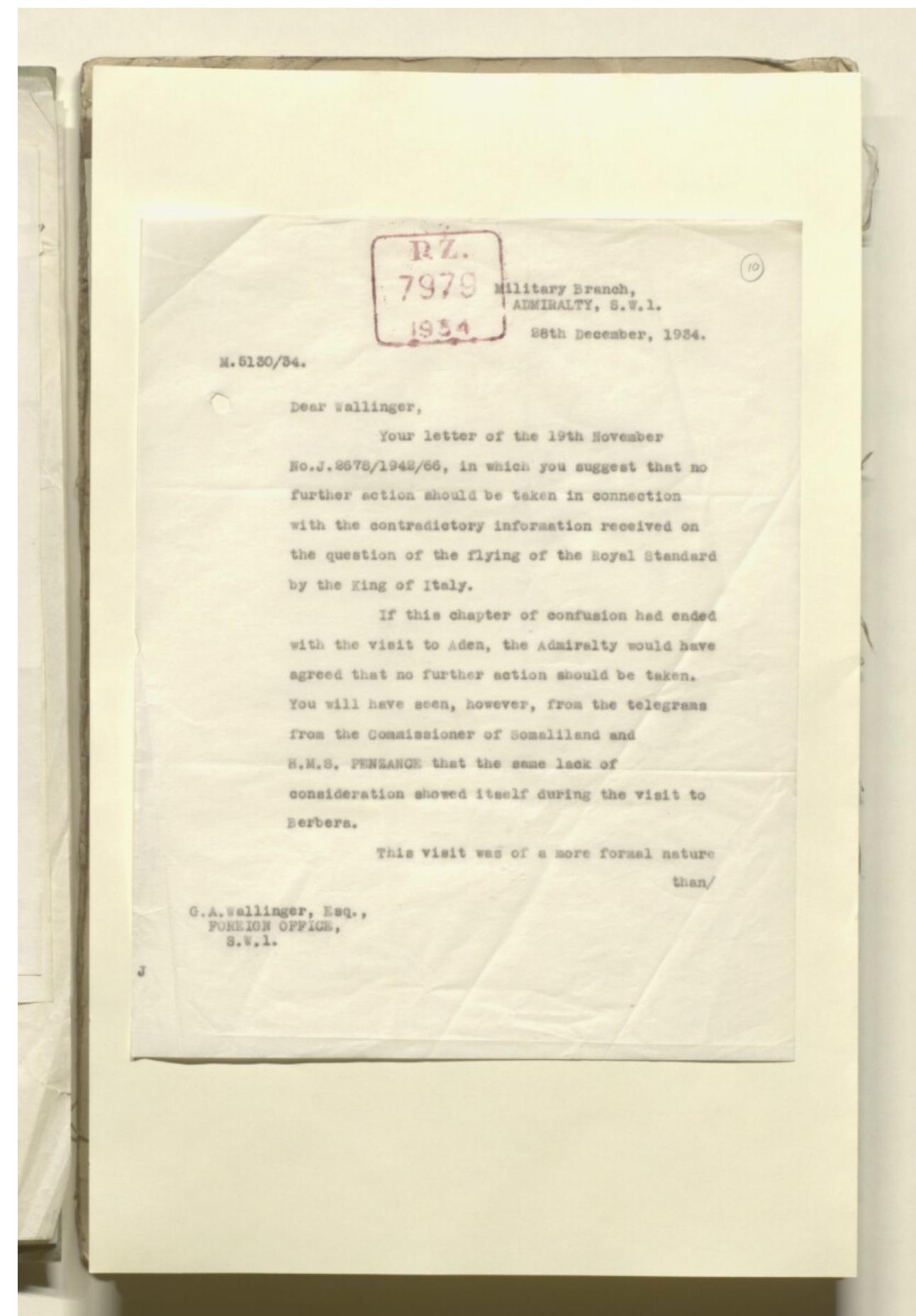
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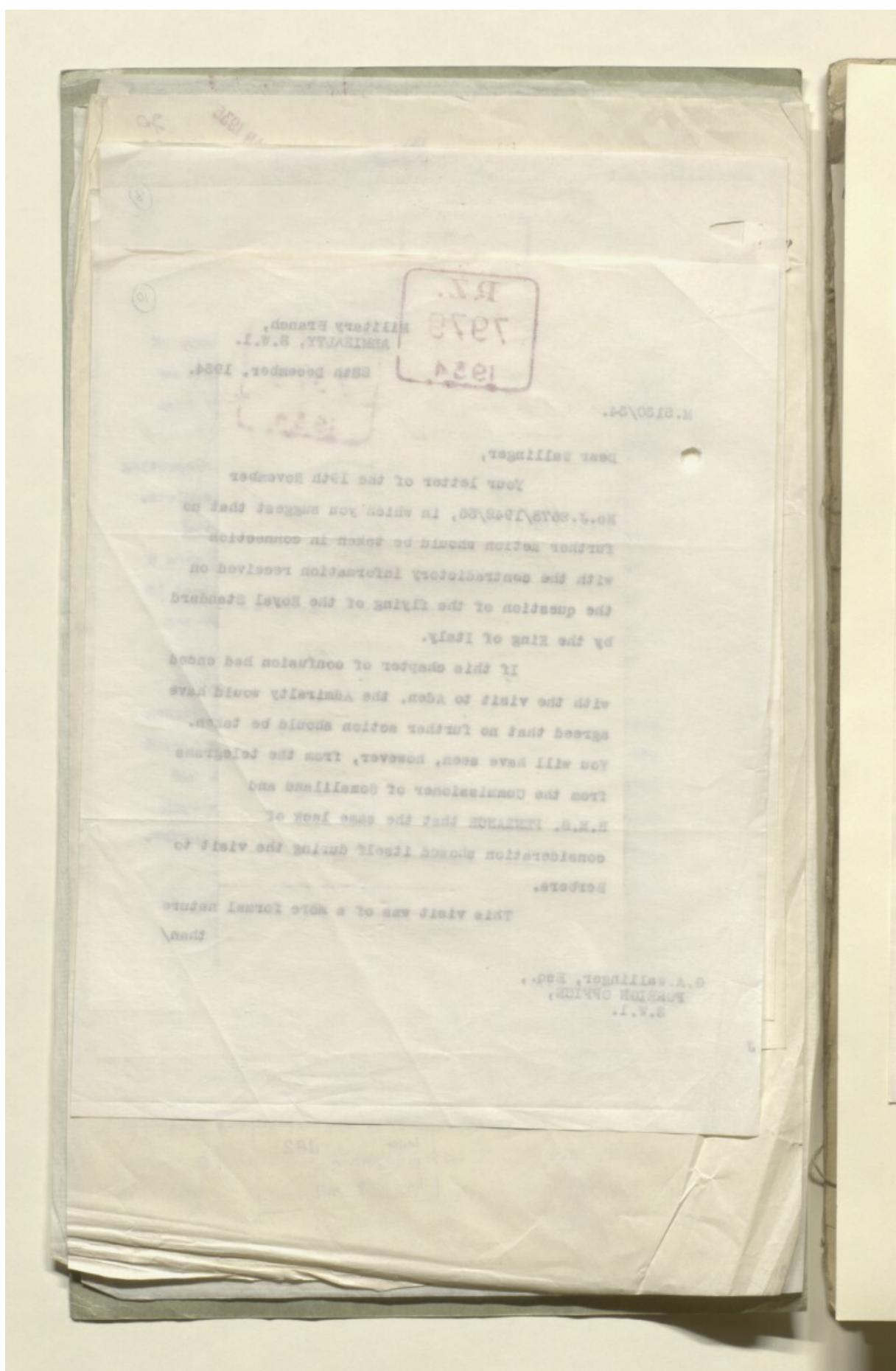
Your letter of the 19th November  
No. J. 2678/1942/66, in which you suggest that no  
further action should be taken in connection  
with the contradictory information received on  
the question of the flying of the Royal Standard  
by the King of Italy.

If this chapter of confusion had ended  
with the visit to Aden, the Admiralty would have  
agreed that no further action should be taken.  
You will have seen, however, from the telegrams  
from the Commissioner of Somaliland and  
H.M.S. PENZANCE that the same lack of  
consideration showed itself during the visit to  
Berbera.

This visit was of a more formal nature  
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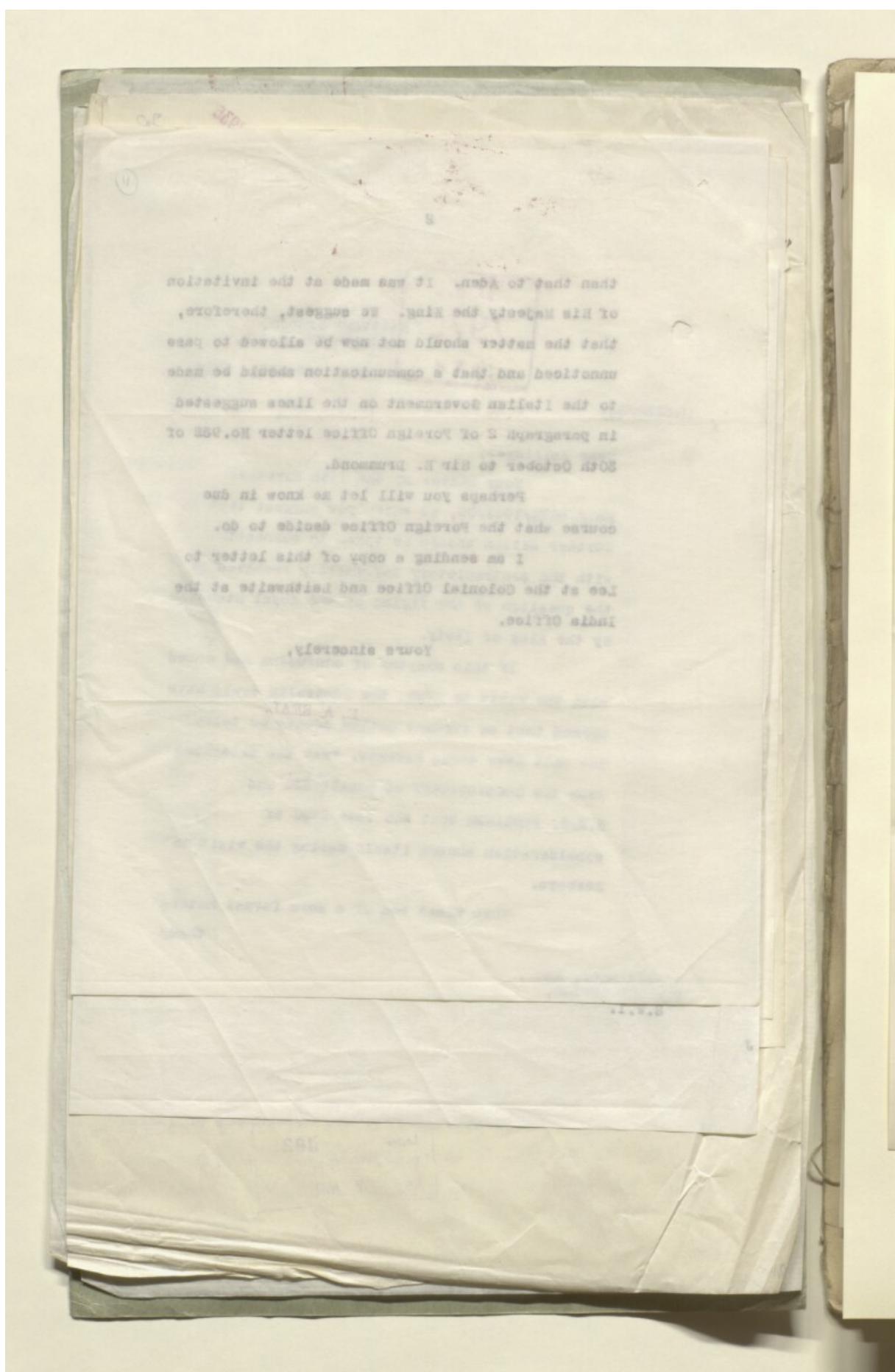
than that to Aden. It was made at the invitation of His Majesty the King. We suggest, therefore, that the matter should not now be allowed to pass unnoticed and that a communication should be made to the Italian Government on the lines suggested in paragraph 2 of Foreign Office letter No.932 of 30th October to Sir E. Drummond.

Perhaps you will let me know in due course what the Foreign Office decide to do.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Lee at the Colonial Office and Laithwaite at the India Office.

Yours sincerely,

E. A. SEAL.

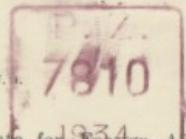




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In any further communication on this subject, please quote  
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and address—not to any person by name, but to—  
"The Under-Secretary of State," Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1.



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State.

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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his  
compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for India  
and, by direction of the Secretary of State,  
transmits herewith copies of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,

20 December, 1934.

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Reference to previous correspondence:

Admiralty letter No 7 of 22 November (Copy 1.0)

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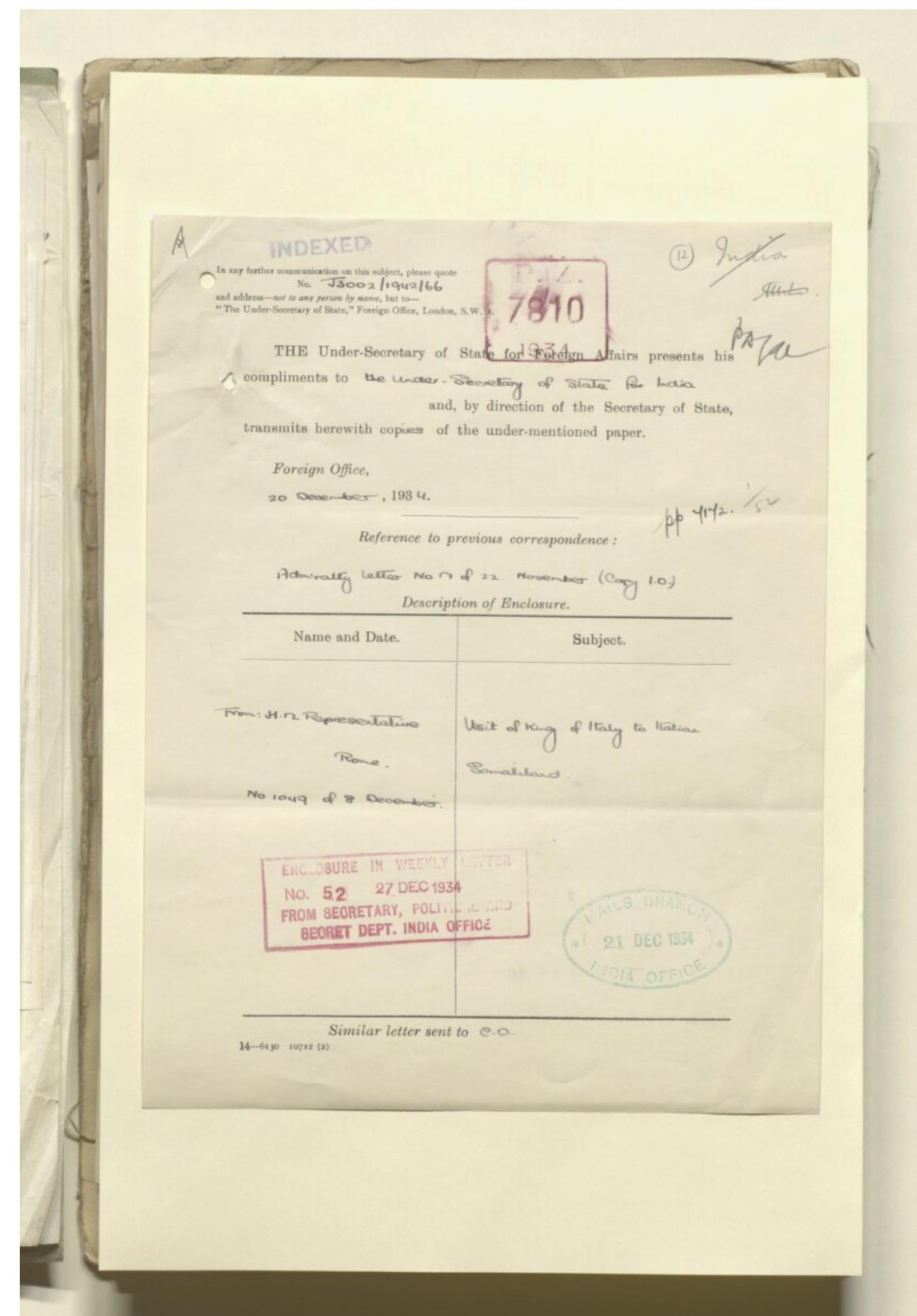
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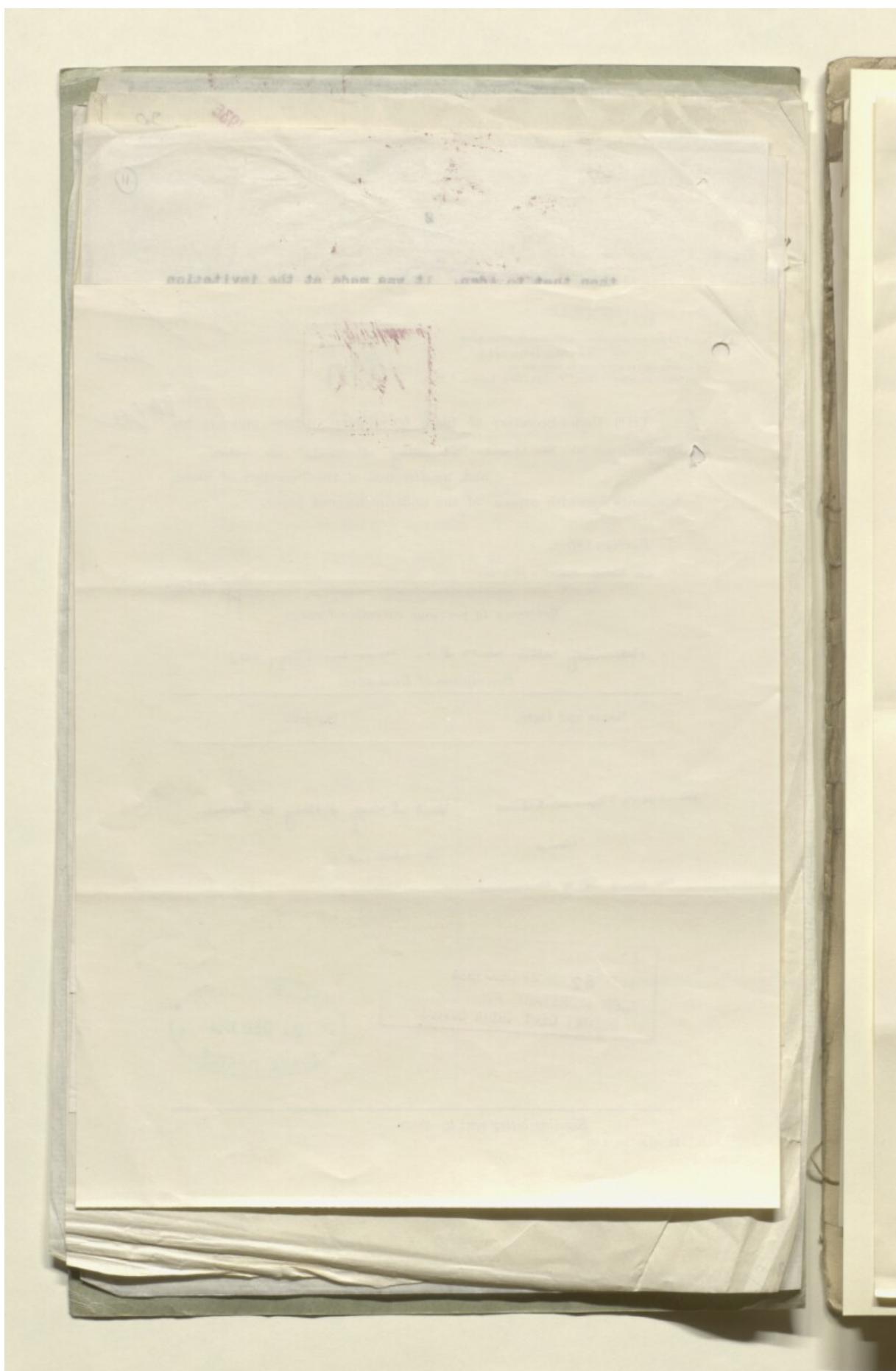
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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
ROME.

8th December, 1934.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that His Majesty the King of Italy has just returned from a fortnight's visit to Italian Somaliland, which involved an absence from this country of over a month.

2. His Majesty sailed from Catania on the 22nd October on board the Royal Yacht "Savoia", escorted by the two destroyers "Gorizia" and "Niobe". He was accompanied by Signor De Bono, Minister of the Colonies. The party reached Port Said on the 24th October and spent two days there. On arrival they were saluted by the shore batteries and by H.M.S. "Durban", which happened to be in the harbour. A company of Egyptian police formed a guard of honour. The Italian Minister came down from Cairo, accompanied by the staff of the Legation and various consular officials. His Majesty after inspecting the various Young Fascist organisations of Port Said, motored down to Ismailia where he visited the monument commemorating the defence of the Canal during the Great War. On the 25th October Zulficar Pasha, Grand Chamberlain of the Egyptian Court, presented the respects of King Fuad and the "Savoia" sailed for Aden on the same day.

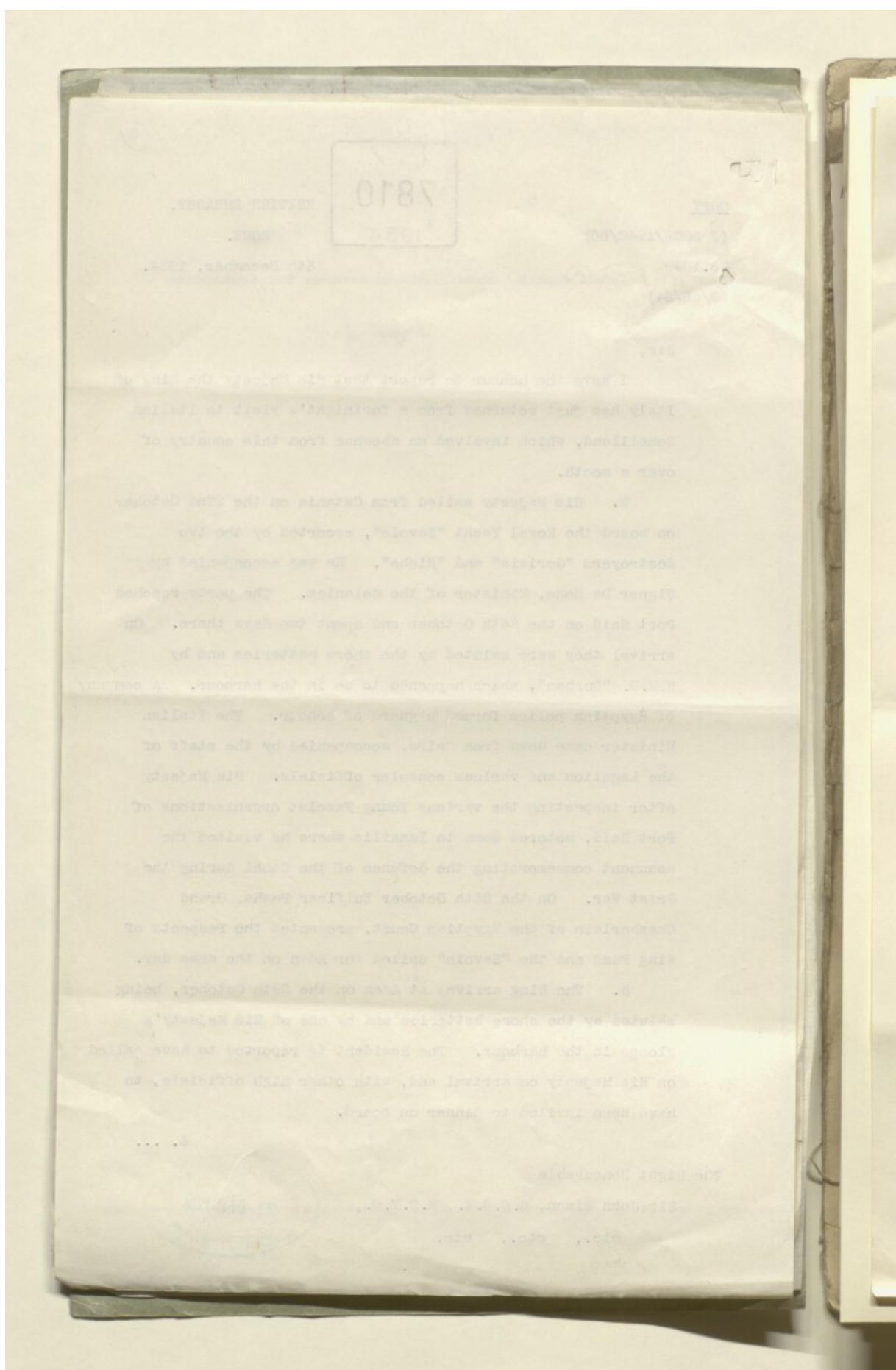
3. The King arrived at Aden on the 29th October, being saluted by the shore batteries and by one of His Majesty's sloops in the harbour. The Resident is reported to have called on His Majesty on arrival and, with other high officials, to have been invited to dinner on board.

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The Right Honourable

Sir John Simon, G.C.S.I., K.C.V.O.,  
etc., etc., etc.







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4. His Majesty arrived at Mogadisciu on the 3rd November and was accorded an enthusiastic reception. In the course of a very full fortnight he managed to see a great deal of the country; he covered about 1,600 miles by motor caravan, penetrating to the neighbourhood of the frontier with Abyssinia and also crossing the Juba river in order to set foot in Jubaland and cross the line of the equator. This section of his tour gave the Italian press occasion to refer gracefully to the most recently acquired territory of the Colonial Empire and to the fact that it had been ceded by Great Britain. For purposes of record I enclose a detailed account, in diary form, of the King's tour in Italian Somaliland.

5. Sailing from Mogadisciu on the 16th November, the King of Italy, accompanied by the Governor of Somaliland, visited the salt works at Dante and, on his homeward journey to Italy, called at Berbera on the 21st November. The success of the latter visit appears to have been somewhat diminished by the rain. In reporting on it the "Corriere della Sera", in particular, paid warm tribute to the friendly relations existing between British and Italian Somaliland. Off Perim the "Savoia" was saluted by units of the British fleet sailing East. The King landed in Italy on the 20th November.

6. The Italian press has devoted considerable space to daily reports of the progress of His Majesty's tour and there can be little doubt that publicity, in the best sense of the word, formed the main object, as it certainly constituted the main result, of His Majesty's visit to Italian Somaliland. The authorities wished to advertise to the Italian people the existence, and value of their most distant colony, which since it has figured less prominently in recent military history

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than the north African colonies, and is a less fertile territory than Eritrea, is not as well known as it deserves to be to the mass of the Italian people. It seems likely that Italy as a whole will now be able to take a more intelligent interest in the present dispute with Abyssinia over the frontier between that country and Italian Somaliland. A lesser, but important, aim of the visit was no doubt to stimulate and reward the 1,700 Italians more or less permanently settled in Somaliland and who are doing good work in the face of very great difficulties.

7. When I was discussing this visit, a colleague who has special sources of information told me that a gold mine of considerable potential value had been discovered in Italian African territory, I believe in Somaliland. The greatest secrecy is, however, being preserved with regard to this discovery, and I can see no means at present of verifying the report.

8. In conclusion I may perhaps add that the following story is going the rounds of Rome. The King is said to have wished to remain in Italian Somaliland since to see black people in white shirts was in such pleasant contrast to his daily practice in Rome.

I have etc.,

(Signed) ERIC DRUMMOND.





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Enclosure to Sir E. Drummond's despatch No. 1049 (9/56/34)  
of 8th December, 1934.

Tour of His Majesty the King of Italy in Italian Somaliland, October - November, 1934.

3rd November.

The Royal Yacht with The King and the Minister of Colonies on board arrived at Mogadisciu at dawn. The Governor of Italian Somaliland came on board to greet The King who landed with his suite at 8.0 a.m. He was received with appropriate salutes and a guard of honour was mounted by local "Ascaris"; a squadron of aircraft carried out evolutions at a low altitude. The King then drove by car to the Governor's Palace where a triumphal arch had been built for the occasion. Native troops lined the route.

After a brief halt at the Palace, The King drove to the cathedral where he attended a short service; from there he went to the monument to the fallen on which he placed a bronze wreath; he then visited the Militia barracks where he inspected various Fascist organisations. During the afternoon The King received colonial officials.

4th November.

The 4th November was mainly devoted to celebrating the Armistice Day which the Italians commemorate on the 4th November and not on the 11th.

In the morning there was a review of the troops of the colony. Immediately before the review Mass was celebrated. The King, who was in full dress uniform then took the salute as the assembled troops marched past. There were said to have been 25,000 troops on parade including a large number of native tribes under their own chiefs. Afterwards The King visited the Mosque of Giama. The King also inaugurated a new gymnasium, started a new electrical installation, and visited the plant which supplies Mogadisciu with water. In the evening there was an official banquet.

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5th November.

The King visited the villages of "Duca degli Abruzzi" and there placed a wreath on the tomb of the prince, afterwards inspecting the work of the Italo-Somaliland agricultural company. He went on to Afgoi where typical Somali dances were performed in his honour. He returned to Mogadisciu the same evening.

6th November.

The King left with a caravan of fifty cars; lunching at Buloburti, the party arrived at Bilet Uen in the evening; the second Benadir battalion did the military honours. The day concluded with a Somali dance, performed by the Ascaris by torchlight.

8th November.

The King motored on to Mustabil on the banks of the Webi Shebeli and only a short distance from the frontier with Abyssinia; he was there received by the local authorities and chiefs and by the "dubat" the Italian native frontier bands. He went on to Morogavi where he spent the night.

9th November.

The King was presented with 1,000 head of livestock and a large quantity of dura by the Oddur tribe. He caused these to be distributed to poorer tribes. Before leaving Morogavi he witnessed a native dance by this tribe.

He next went to Lugh, stopping at Weger on the way and reviewing the troops there, including a camel battery.

12th November.

From Lugh The King went to Baidova which he left on the 12th November for Merca passing through Buracaba and Audegle on the way.

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13th November.

From Merca the caravan journeyed to Brava, stopping on the way at Vittorio d'Africa, where The King reviewed some Fascist militia, ex-service men and colonists. The King also visited on the way the colonisation scheme at Genale. He arrived at Brava early in the evening.

14th November.

From Brava the caravan continued southwards to Ghelib where The King inspected the Government agricultural experimental station. The party then crossed the Juba; they motored down through Margherita, which lies exactly on the equator, to Kisimayu, where the King opened a hospital. The King spent the night at Kisimayu returning next day to Brava.

15th November.

From Brava The King took part in an elephant hunt and is reported to have shot a fine tusker at a range of ten metres.

16th November.

On the 16th November The King returned to Mogadisciu and embarked the same day, sailing for the salt works of "Dante" in the evening.





for Mr. Wallinger

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INDIA OFFICE,  
WHITEHALL, S.W. 1.

6th December 1934.

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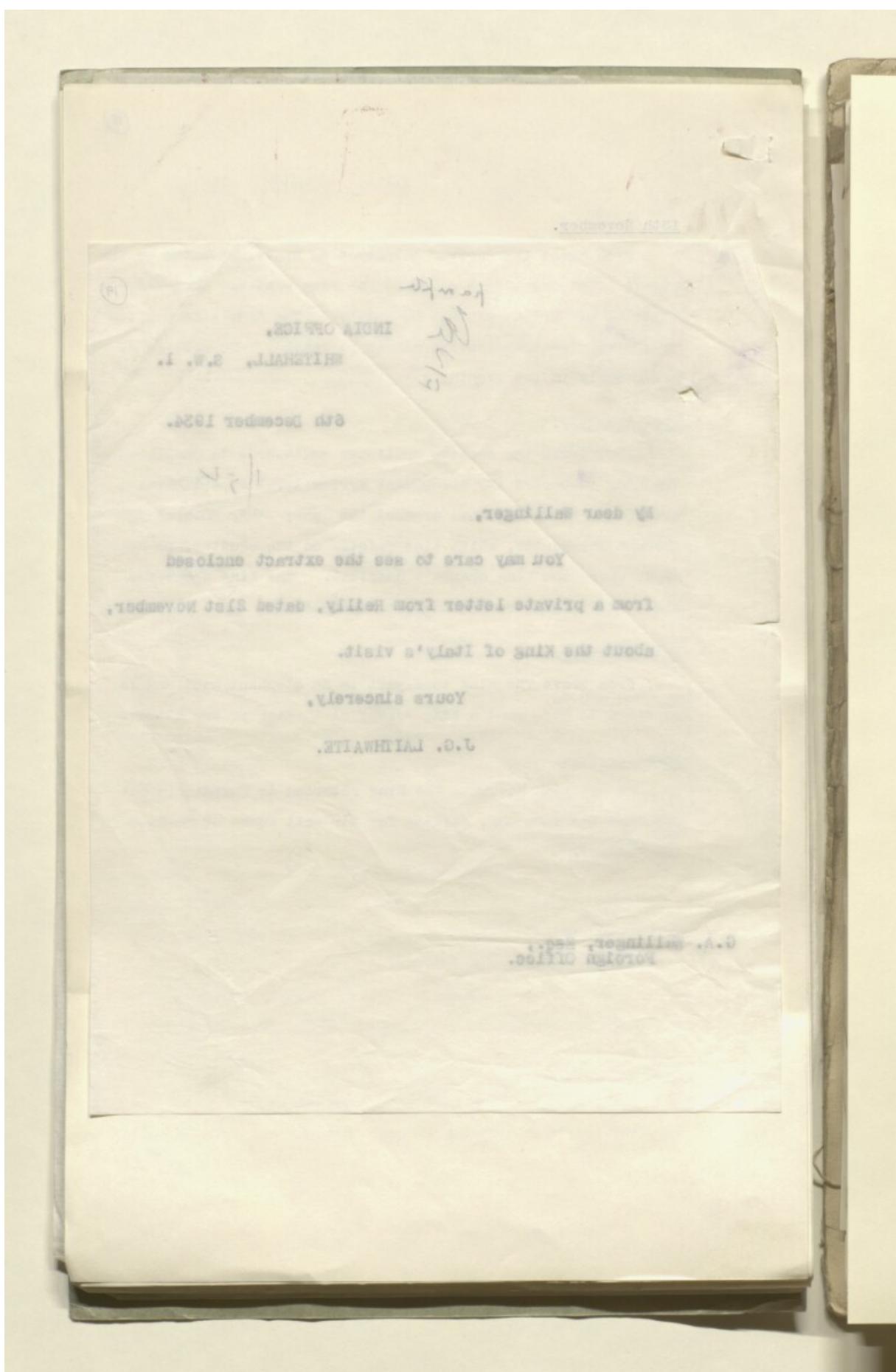
My dear Wallinger,

You may care to see the extract enclosed  
from a private letter from Reilly, dated 21st November,  
about the King of Italy's visit.

Yours sincerely,

J.G. LAITHWAITE.

G.A. Wallinger, Esq.,  
Foreign Office.





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THE RESIDENCY,  
ADEN.  
21 November 1934.

My dear Laithwaite,

Very many thanks for your letter. I am glad the India Office approved of what I did about the King of Italy's visit, & we greatly appreciated the telegram of congratulation that you so kindly sent. It is curious that the Italian authorities at Rome were so insistent that the King invariably flew his Royal Standard on his yacht, for



I am assured by the Italian  
Counsel & others here that he did  
not do so when he called at  
Egyptian ports on his way to  
Eritrea last year. The visit went  
off very well, & the King & his suite  
all seemed pleased. The King is  
a most interesting man to meet:  
he is most observant & took a  
great interest in all he saw,  
particularly in our Protectorate  
Levies, who turned out a very  
smart looking guard of honour  
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Our home papers at the time were  
full of pictures of the Marseilles  
assassinations, which put our  
Commandant of Police (Haslam)  
very much on his mettle in making  
his police arrangements!

I am looking forward to  
seeing the J. S. Committee's Report  
on India which is due for pub-  
lication tomorrow, & am, of  
course, particularly interested in  
the fate of Aden under the new  
dispensation. I take it that  
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I have asked for five months'  
leave next year, & I hope you  
will give my request your blessing  
if it comes your way.

Yours sincerely

B. McIlroy



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22nd November, 1934.

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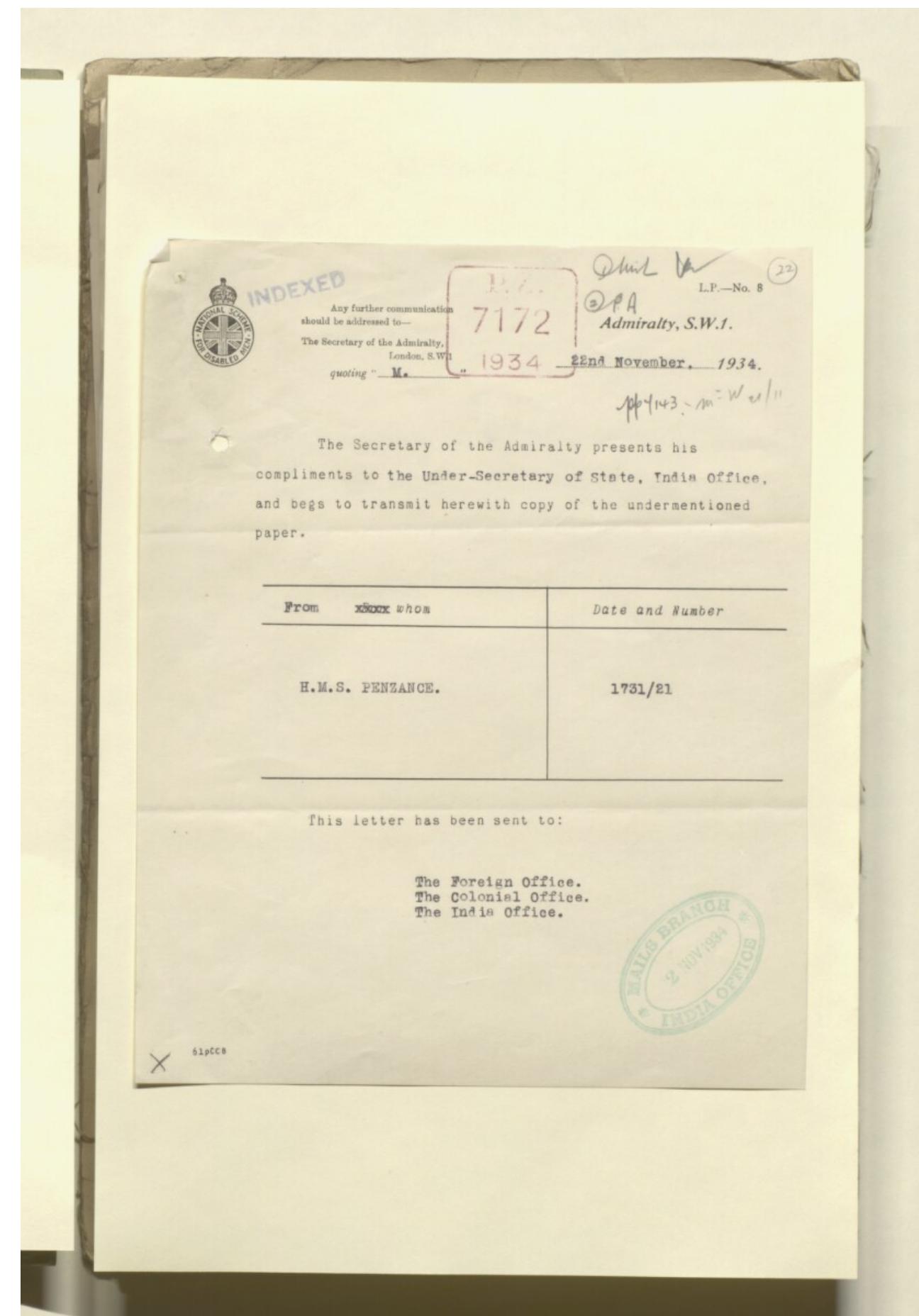
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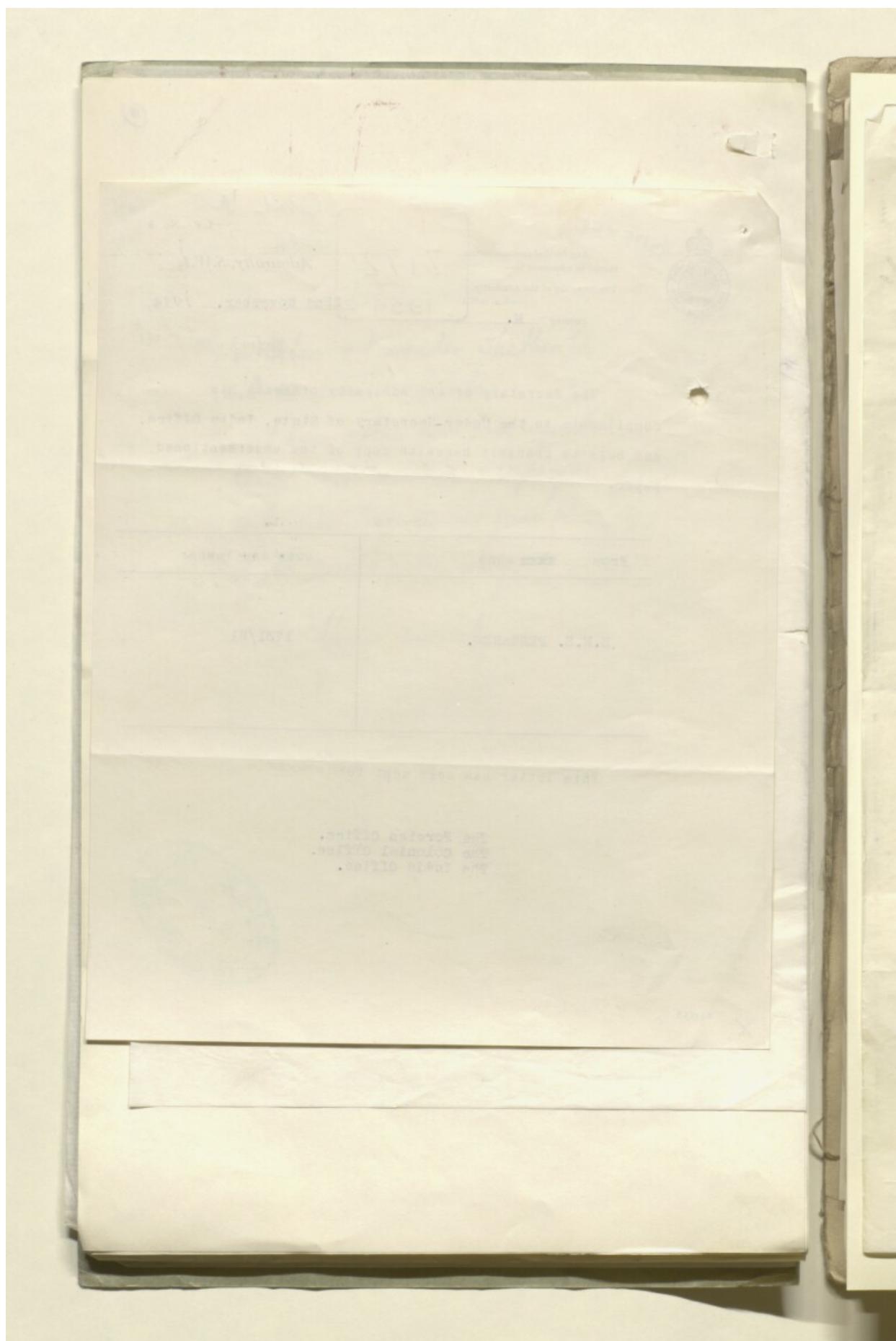
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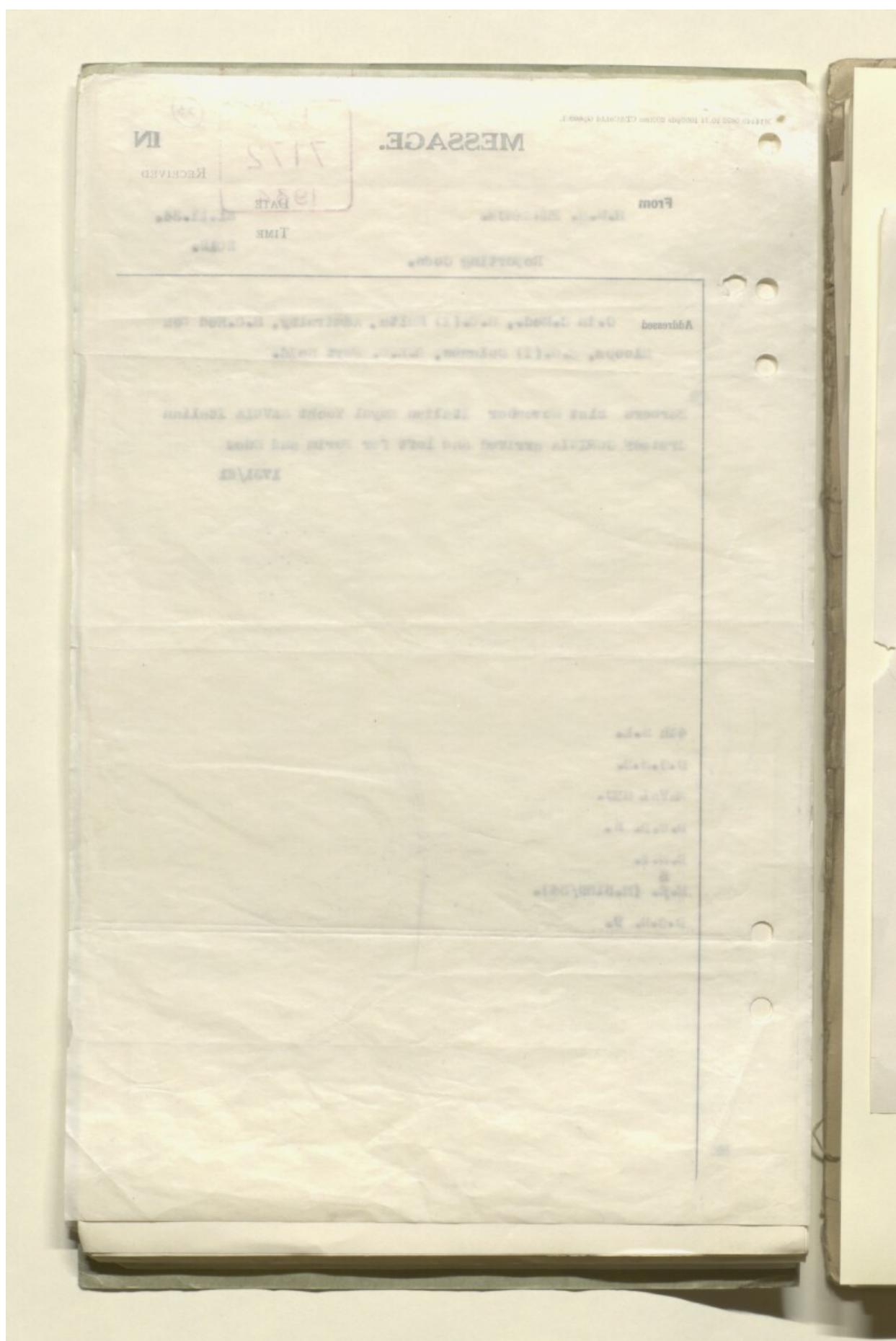
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Cruiser GORGIA arrived and left for Tunis and Dava

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(to letter)

INDIA OFFICE,  
WHITEHALL, S.W. 1.

P.Z.7143/34.

26th November 1934.

Dear Wallinger,

Many thanks for your letter of the 19th November, J.2678/1942/66. We quite agree that in the circumstances described by you it is better to drop the question of a protest against the handling of the business of the King of Italy's visit to Aden by the Rome authorities.

2. I am sending copies of this letter to Lee at the Colonial Office and to Seal at the Admiralty.

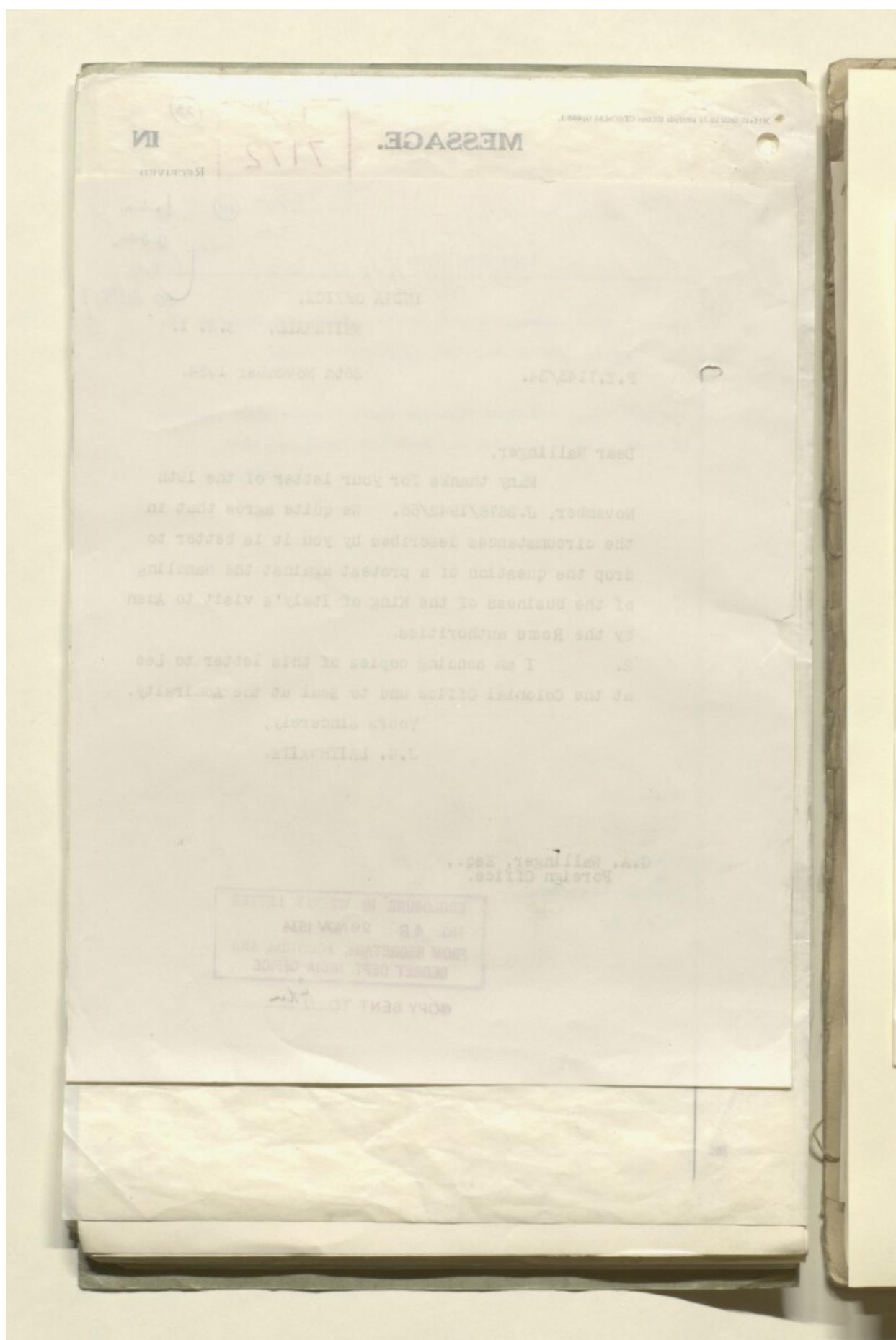
Yours sincerely,

J.G. LAITHWAITE.

G.A. Wallinger, Esq.,  
Foreign Office.

ENCLOSURE IN WEEKLY LETTER  
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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

19th November, 1934.

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Dear Laithwaite,

6774

In our official letter No.J 2574/1942/66 of 31st October, we sent you a copy of the despatch to our Embassy in Rome, in which we suggested that they should protest against the lamentable manner in which the Roman authorities handled the business of the King of Italy's visit to Aden. We have recently received from Rome Chancery the letter of which a copy is transmitted herewith.

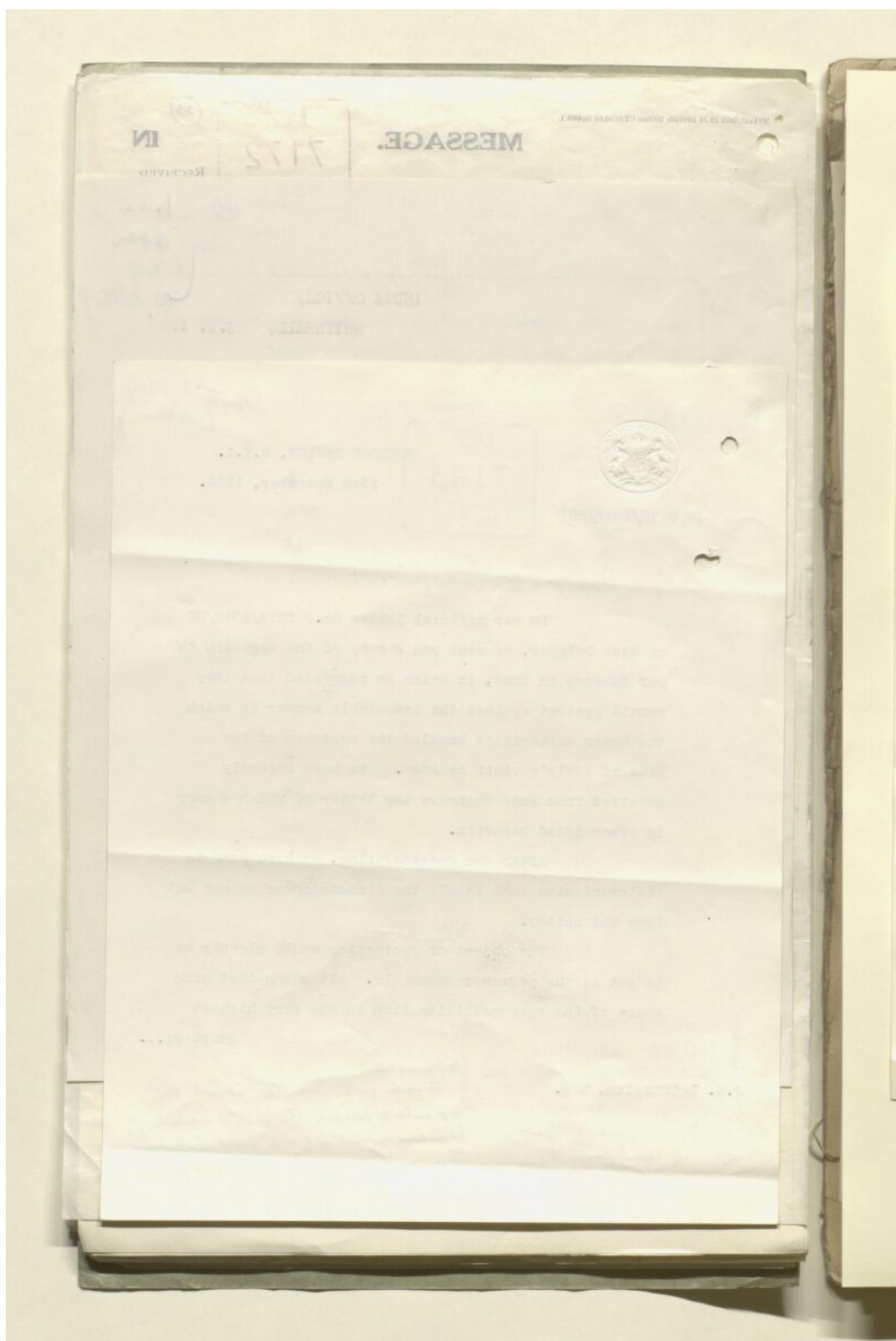
After due consideration, we have come to the conclusion that in all the circumstances, we can but drop the matter.

The object of protesting would clearly be to get at the person responsible. It seems that some share of the responsibility lies in the very highest

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J.G. Laithwaite, Esq. OFFICE  
COPY SENT TO *Adm*

quarters...

It seems quite clear that it will be difficult to pursue this subject - which is in any event of quite minor importance. Of course I will apply to F.O. that we should this view, & if any of the correspondence can go to India & Asia? 19th 20. 11. 34.



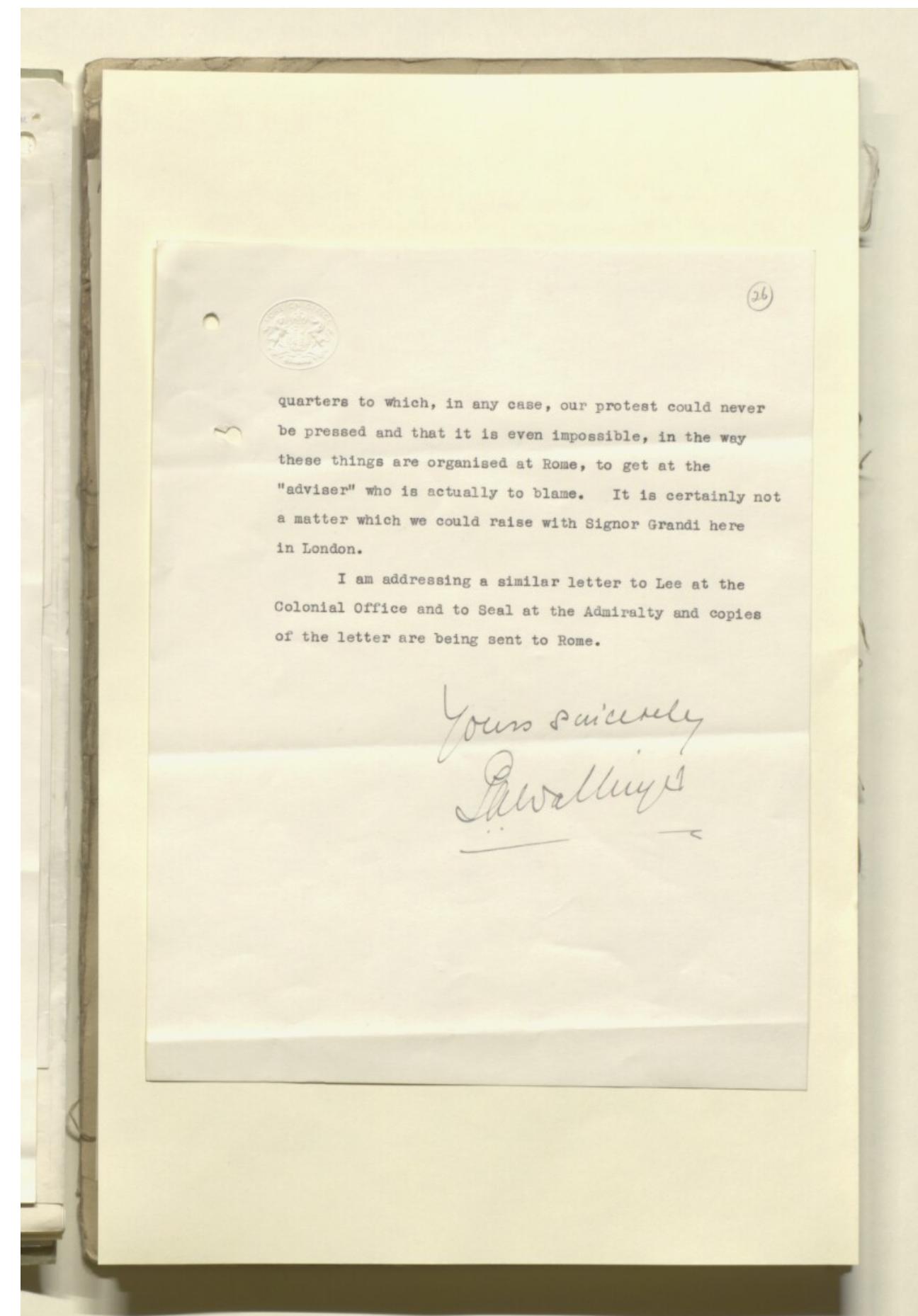


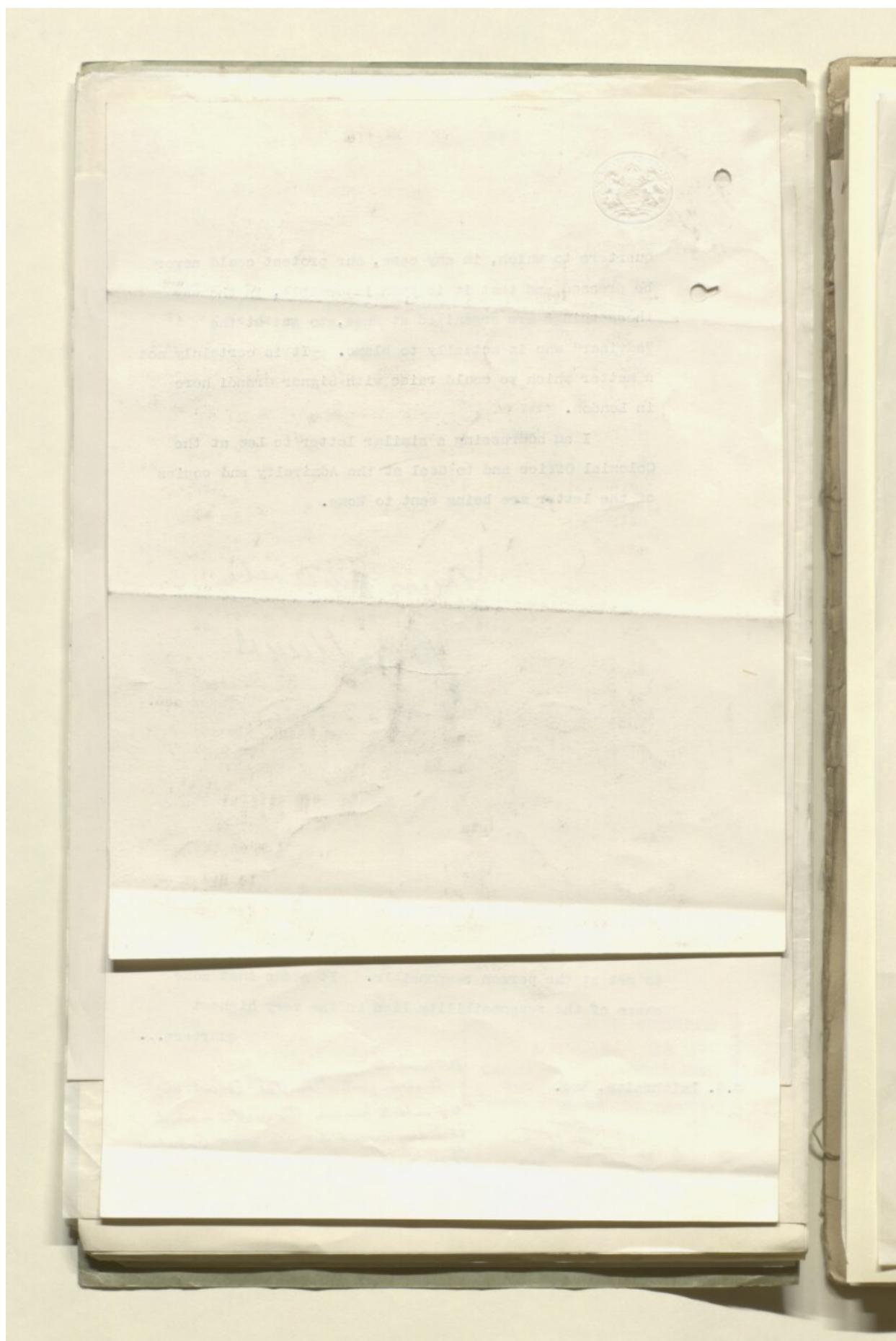
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quarters to which, in any case, our protest could never be pressed and that it is even impossible, in the way these things are organised at Rome, to get at the "adviser" who is actually to blame. It is certainly not a matter which we could raise with Signor Grandi here in London.

I am addressing a similar letter to Lee at the Colonial Office and to Seal at the Admiralty and copies of the letter are being sent to Rome.

Yours sincerely  
Swalloway





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(J 2578/1942/66)

P. L. 27  
 7143 BRITISH EMBASSY,  
 ROME.  
 1934 3rd November, 1954.

Dear Department,

6774 Yesterday's bag brought us your official despatch No. 932 (J 2574/1942/66) of 30th October in which you expressed the opinion that we should be justified in drawing the attention of the Italian Government to the very unsatisfactory position for all concerned created by the numerous and contradictory assurances received by His Majesty's Government over the question of the flying by the King of Italy of his standard on the occasion of the "Savoia's" entry into Aden.

We have consulted the Ambassador on this point which is a ticklish one for the following reasons. For some time past there has been a lamentable lack of co-operation and liaison between the Cerimoniale Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and The Palace here. In the past we have been rapped on the knuckles by The Palace for addressing certain kinds of requests and enquiries, which ultimately concern The King of Italy, through the medium of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Last January we were categorically informed by a high official at the Palace that when the Head of a Mission wished to make any communication to His Majesty, the request must be made in writing to the Prefect of the Palace. Further, the Head of the Cerimoniale Department, though one of the most charming Italian officials we know, is also one of the least reliable - he could not be more accommodating,

The Egyptian Department,  
FOREIGN OFFICE.



1914 November, 1922.

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accommodating, but equally, he could scarcely be more vague.

In these circumstances, on receiving your telegram No.

6491 350 of 17th October, we applied to The Palace direct, both on grounds of expediency and of protocol. We need not recapitulate here the series of conflicting messages which subsequently we obtained from The Palace officials, for they are admirably recapitulated in the memorandum enclosed in your despatch. The truth of course is that those who really knew The King's wishes were on board the royal yacht and the liaison between the yacht and The Palace was bad. Added to this, The King himself seems to have changed his mind more than once.

The position being as we have sketched it above, the Ambassador believes that you will not misinterpret our intention if we suggest that any comment which you may wish to make to the Italian Government on this sad story should be made through Grandi in London and not here in Rome.

Grandi will know how to deal with your communication. He will send it, no doubt, to the Palazzo Chigi and it will be transmitted in the usual form. If, on the other hand, we are to make the communication, we are faced at once with the difficulty of complaining to the Ministry of contradictory information with which they have had nothing to do, for it all emanated direct from The Palace. We could, of course, explain to The Palace how difficult things have been made for us, owing to the contradictory nature of the assurances received, but this, alas, the Master of Ceremonies knows only too well himself and would not thank us for underlining the obvious: while such a course would not, we imagine, meet your wishes for the Italian Government qua Government would receive no word from us at all.

Perhaps, therefore, you would let us know whether you agree or not to the suggestion that the matter might be dealt with more satisfactorily in London.

Yours ever,

ROME CHANCERY.





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transmits herewith copies of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,  
8 November, 1934.

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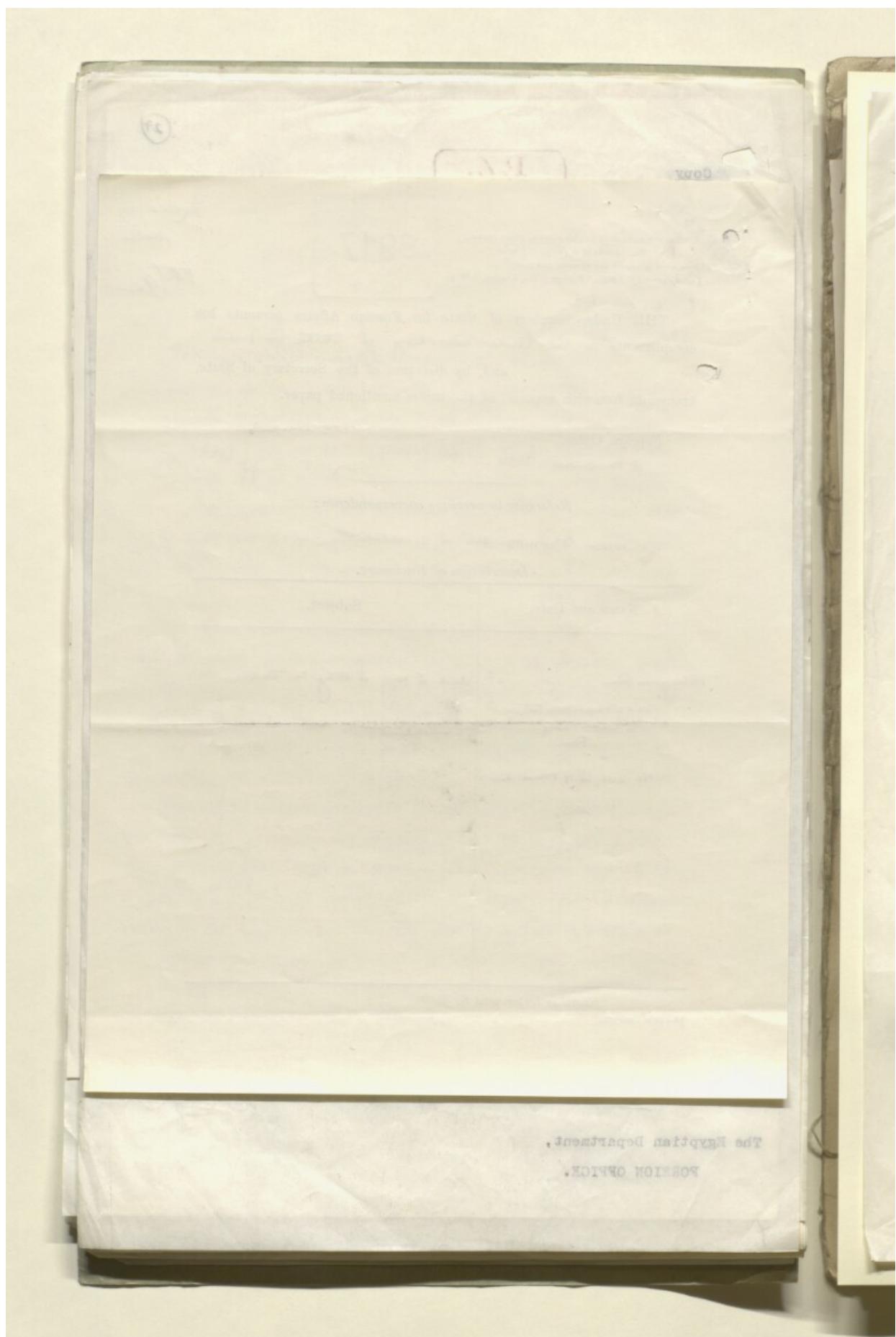
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<p>Telegram from: H.M. Representative Rome No 341 of 7 November</p>	<p>Visit of King of Italy to British Somaliland.</p>

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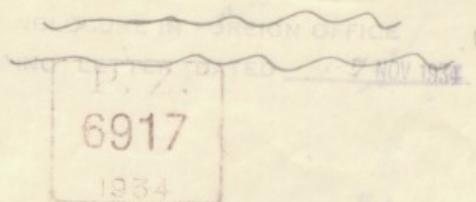
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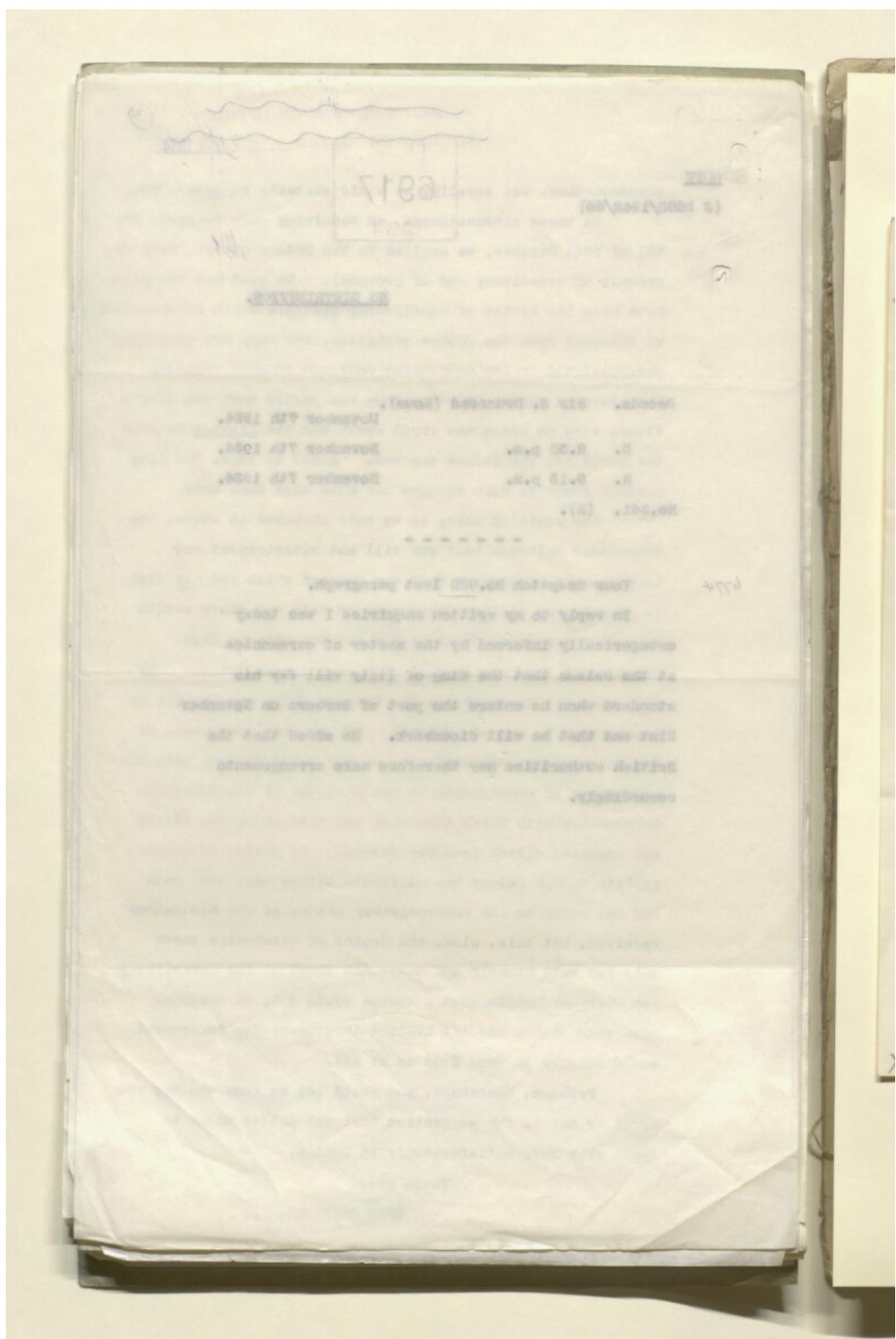
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6774 Your despatch No. 932 last paragraph.

In reply to my written enquiries I was today categorically informed by the master of ceremonies at the Palace that the King of Italy will fly his standard when he enters the port of Barbers on November 8th and that he will disembark. He added that the British authorities may therefore make arrangements accordingly.





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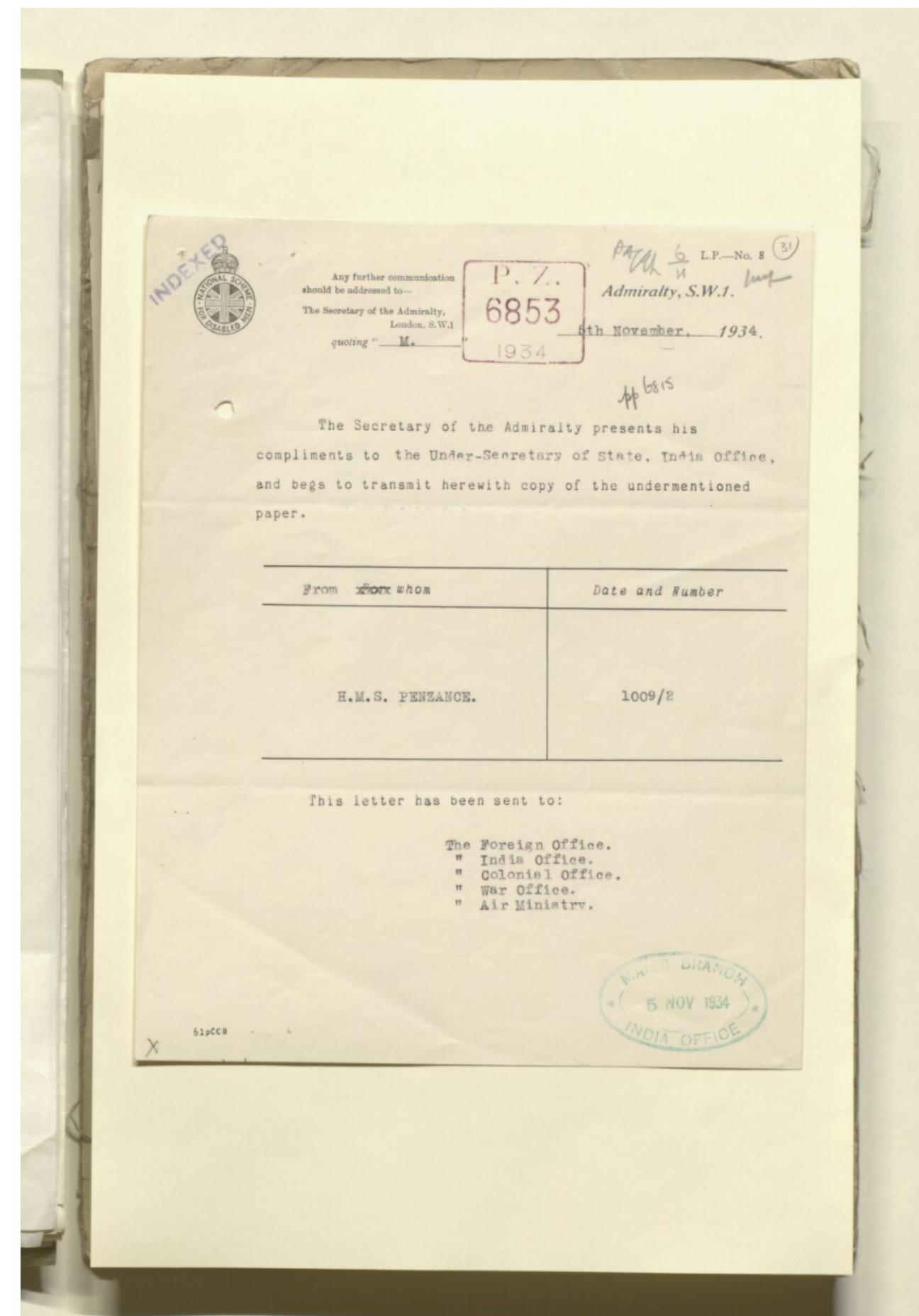
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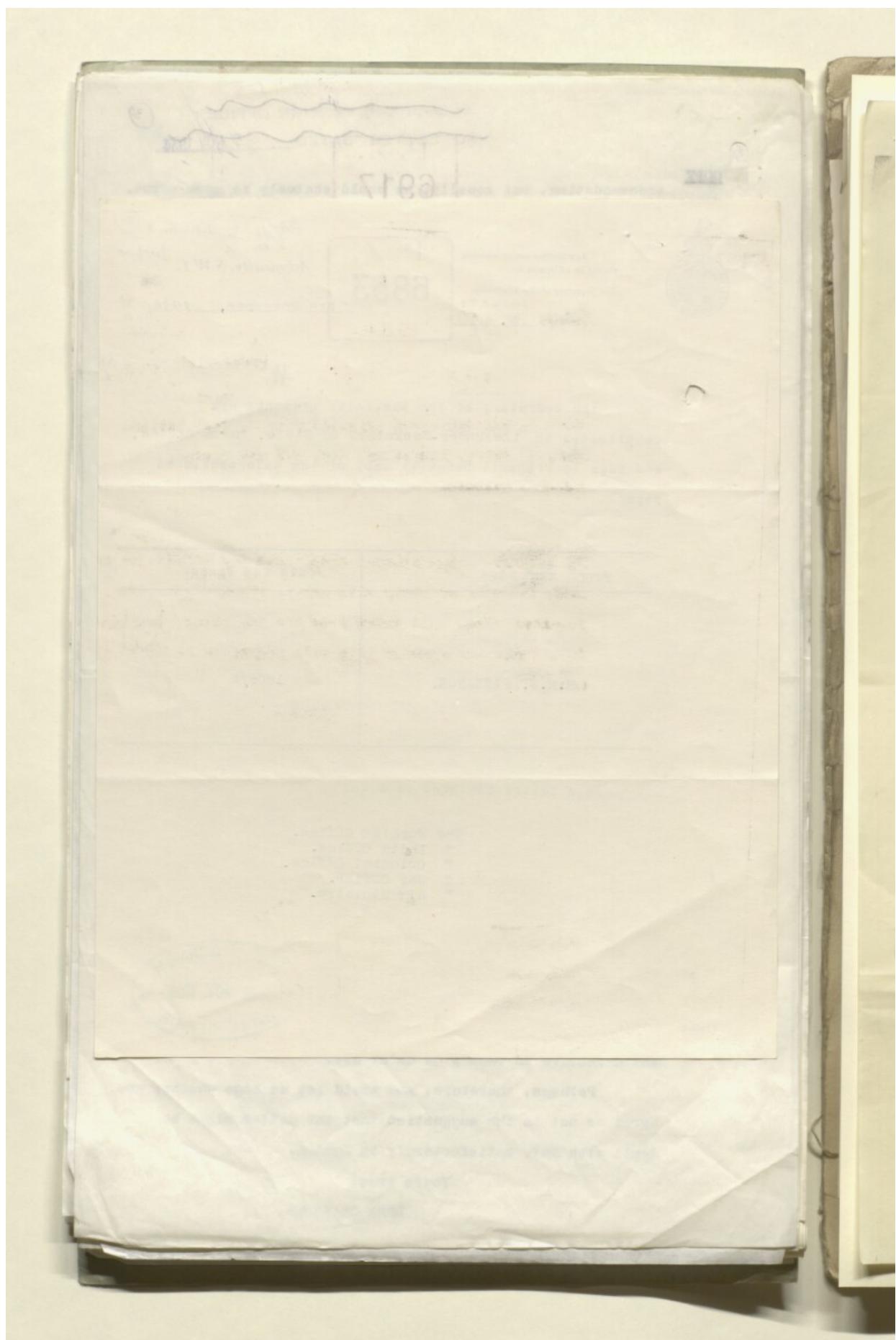
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Addressed C-in-C. Mediterranean repeated C-in-C. East Indies.

S.O.(I) Malta, Admiralty, S.O. Red Sea Sloops,

S.O.(I) Colombo.

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My 1532/29. Commissioner Somaliland now informs me that H.M. the King of Italy will arrive Berbera a.m.

November 21st. All dates from and including departure from Perim on November 12th will therefore be advanced one day.

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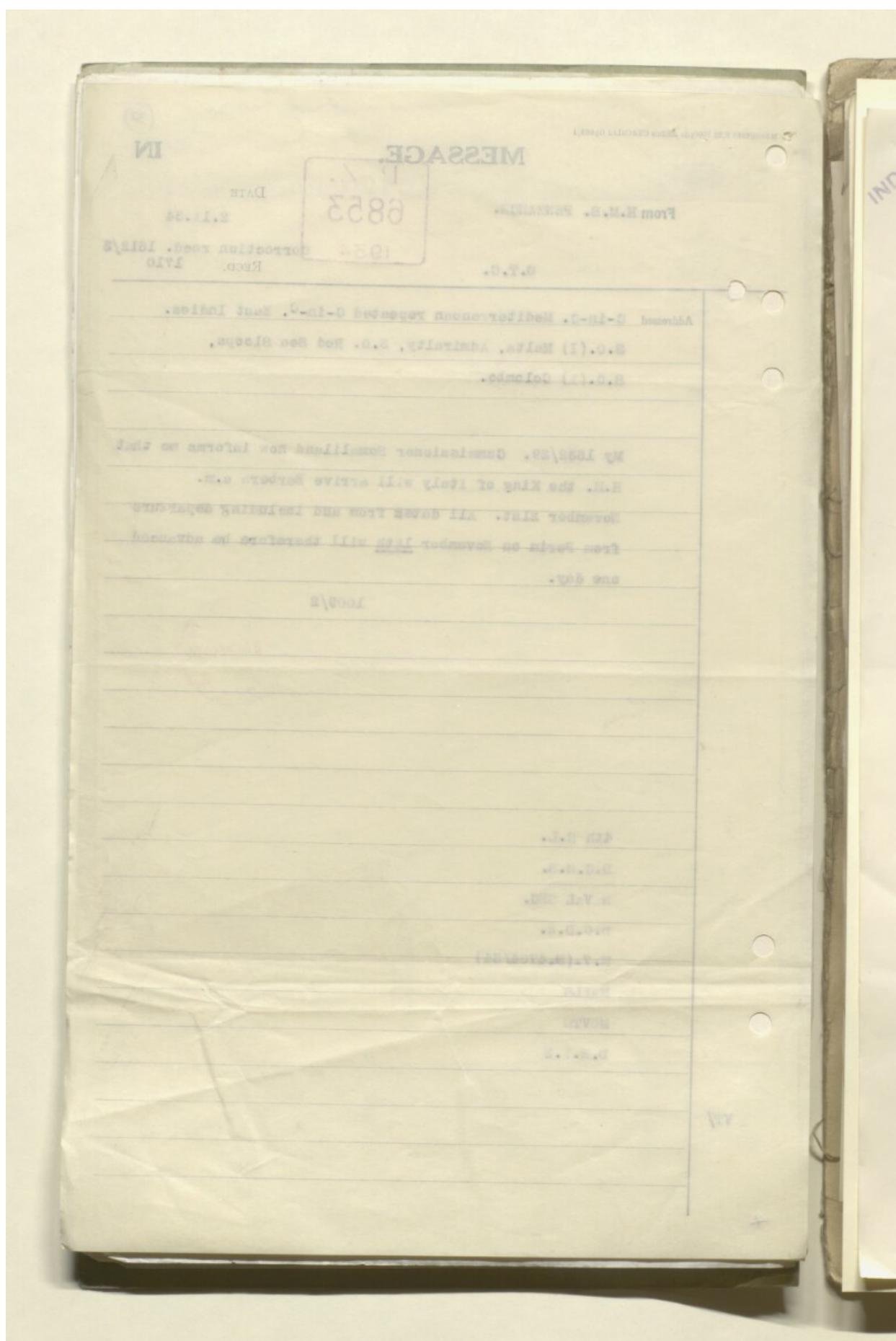
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DECYPHER OF TELEGRAM.

From Political Resident, Aden, to  
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Secretary of State for Foreign  
Affairs, India Office.

Dated Aden, 5th November, 1934.

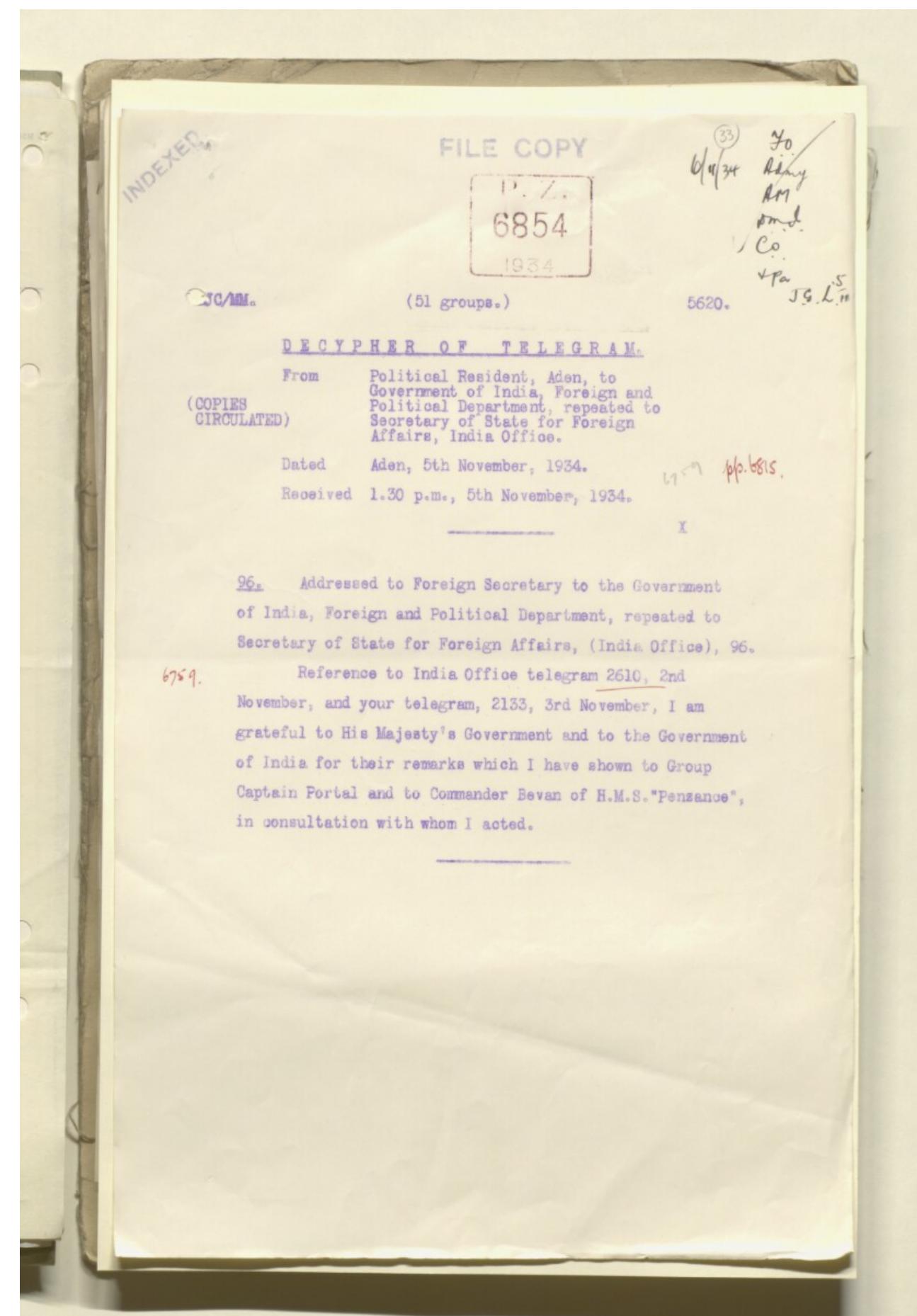
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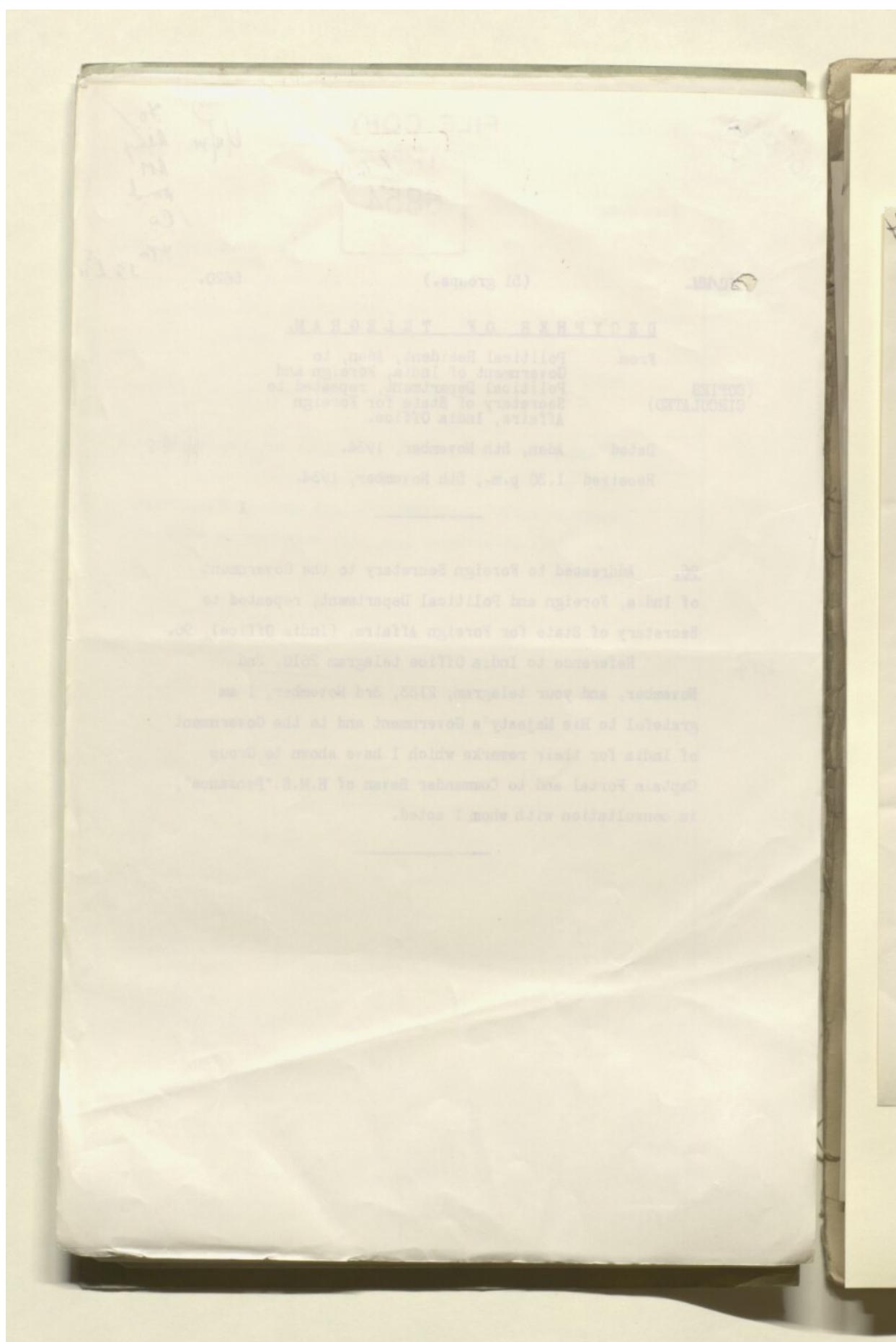
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96. Addressed to Foreign Secretary to the Government  
of India, Foreign and Political Department, repeated to  
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, (India Office), 96.

6759. Reference to India Office telegram 2610, 2nd  
November, and your telegram, 2133, 3rd November, I am  
grateful to His Majesty's Government and to the Government  
of India for their remarks which I have shown to Group  
Captain Portal and to Commander Bevan of H.M.S. "Penzance",  
in consultation with whom I acted.







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2 November, 1934.

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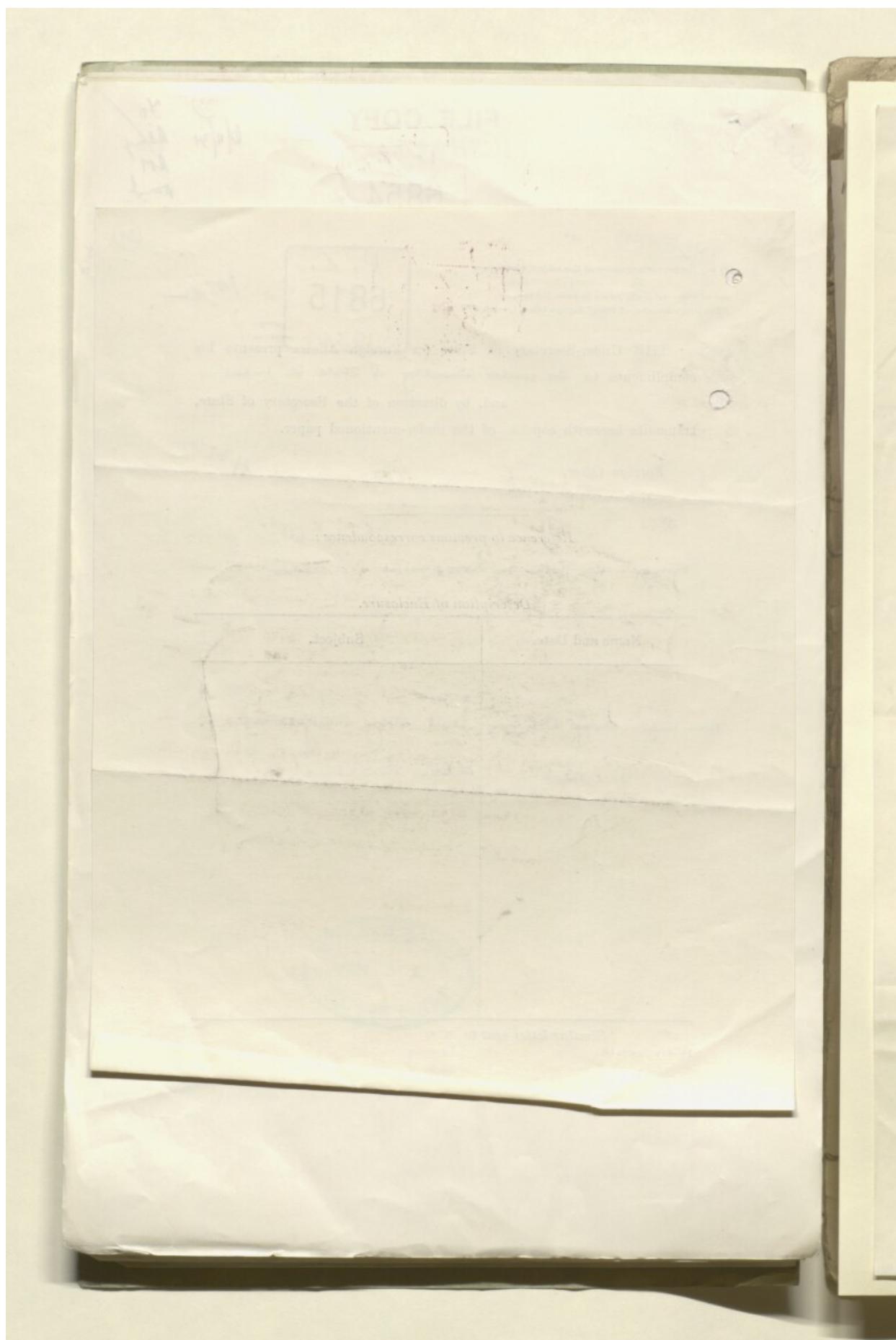
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From: Italian Chargé d'Affaires 31 October	Visit of King of Italy to British Italian Somaliland



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Italian Embassy,  
October 31, 1934.

Sir,

In continuation of the note from this Embassy of the 24th instant (No. 4029), I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Royal Yacht "Savoia" and the cruiser "Gorizia" will arrive at Berbera on the 21st November in the forenoon instead of on the following day. They will depart on the same day in the afternoon.

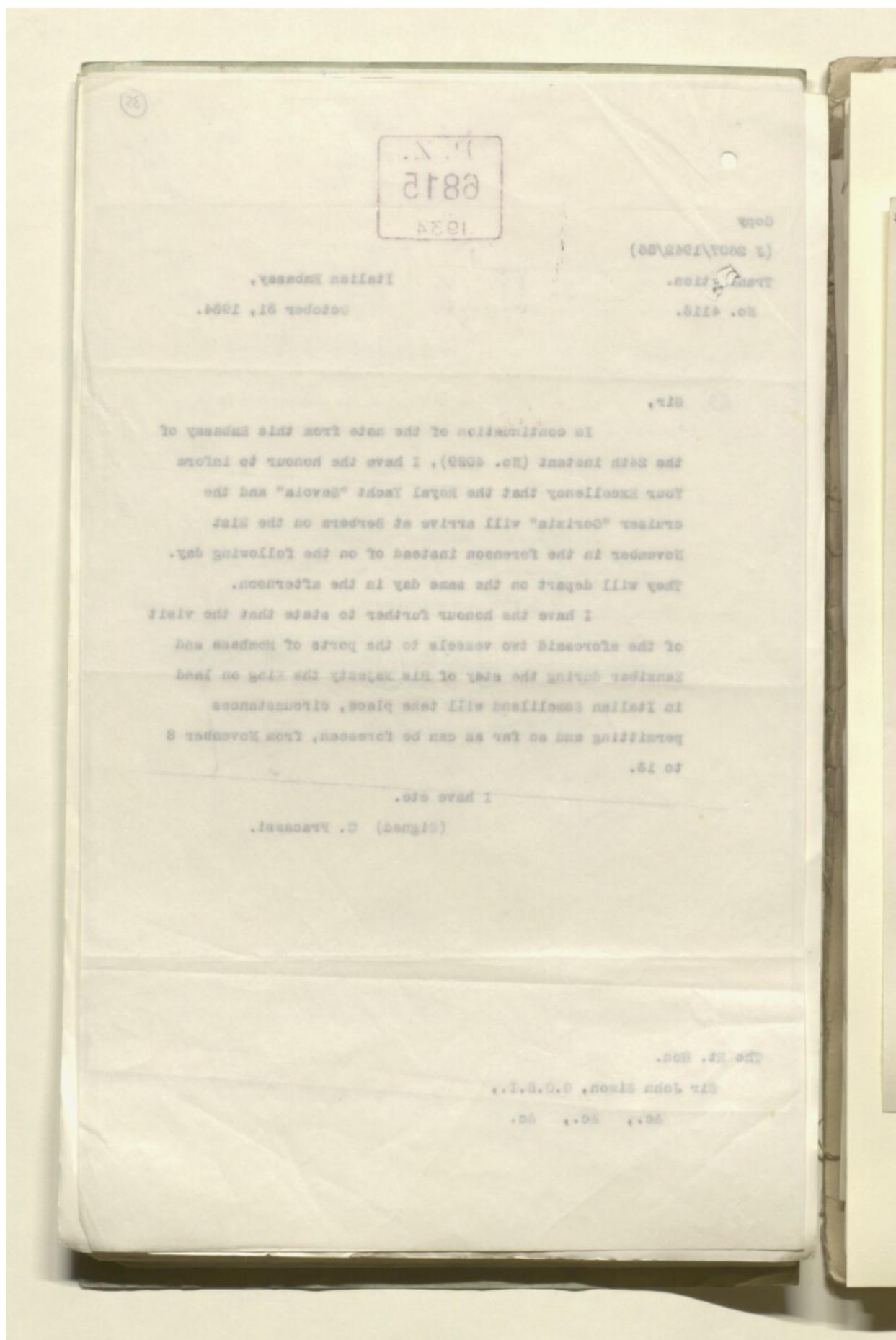
I have the honour further to state that the visit of the aforesaid two vessels to the ports of Mombasa and Zanzibar during the stay of His Majesty the King on land in Italian Somaliland will take place, circumstances permitting and so far as can be foreseen, from November 8 to 15.

I have etc.

(Signed) C. Fracassi.

The Rt. Hon.

Sir John Simon, G.C.S.I.,  
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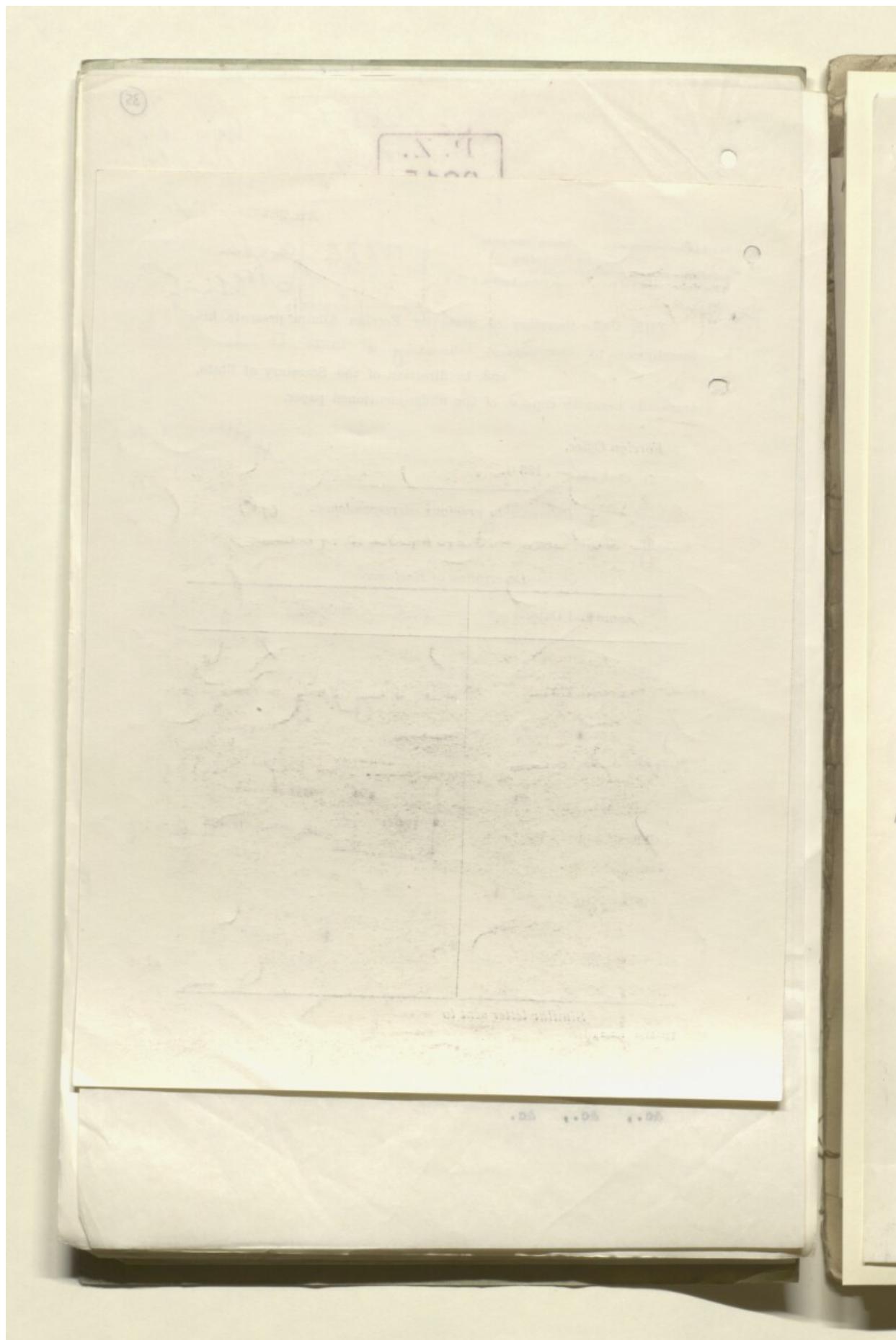
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Foreign Office letter No. J2574/1942/66 of 29 October

## Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
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No. 952.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

30th October 1954.

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Sir,

6737.

I have received Your Excellency's telegram No. 550  
of October 29th, in which you informed me of the final  
decision that the King of Italy would not fly his Standard  
in "Savoia" on that vessel's entry into Aden.

2. The enclosed memorandum on the difficulties  
which have attended our efforts to obtain an authoritative  
statement from the Italian authorities as to the wishes  
of the King of Italy in this matter, reveals a lamentable  
lack of cooperation at the Italian end, and I consider  
that you would be justified in drawing the attention of  
the Italian Government to the position and in pointing  
out that these numerous and contradictory assurances  
have caused considerable inconvenience and have made the  
position of His Majesty's Resident at Aden one of great  
difficulty.

3. With regard to the last paragraph of your  
telegram, relative to the forthcoming visit of the King of  
Italy to Berbera, it is clearly necessary to avoid any  
similar misunderstandings in this case and I shall be glad  
if you will inform the Italian Government that His Majesty's  
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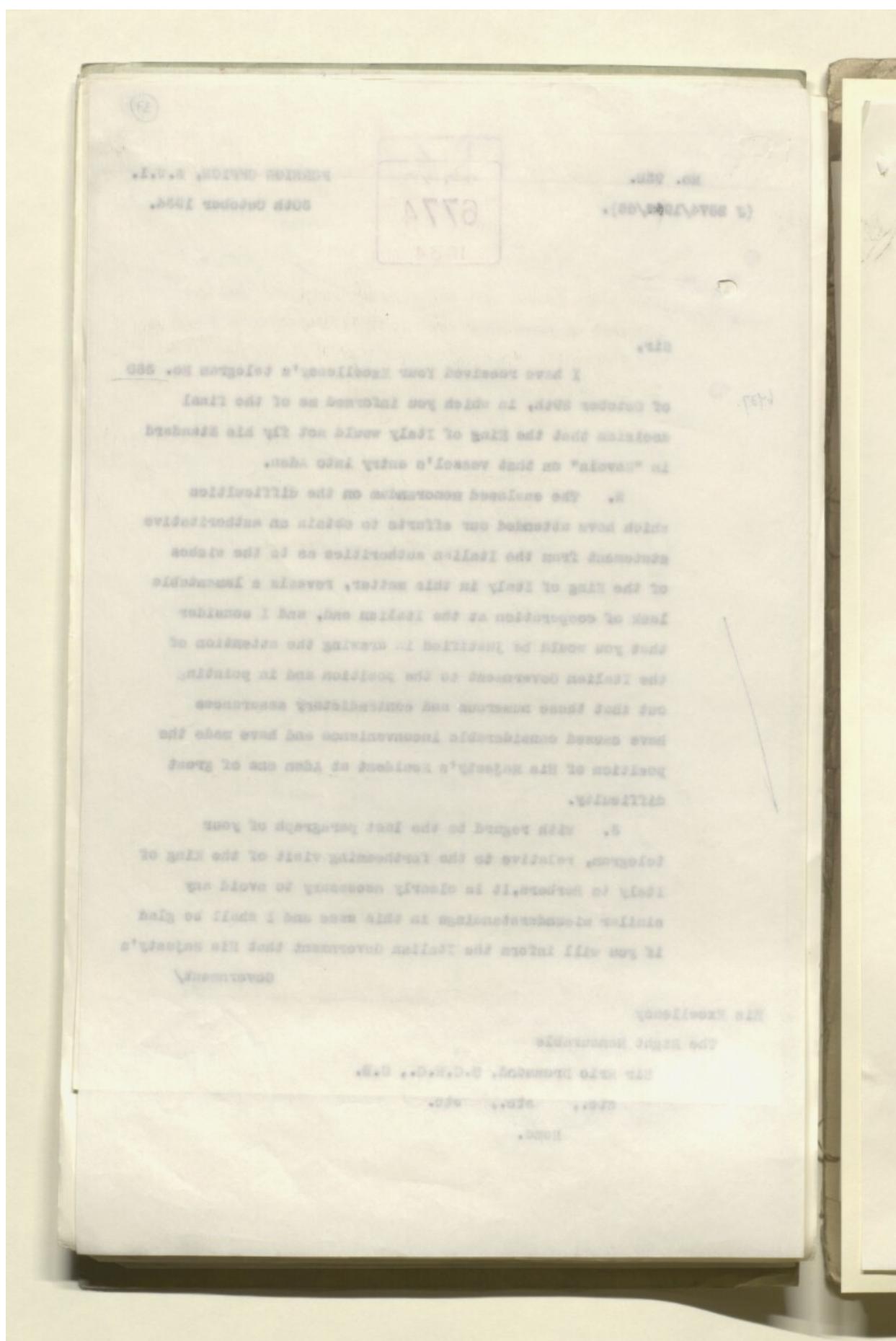
His Excellency

The Right Honourable

Sir Eric Drummond, G.C.M.G., C.B.

etc., etc., etc.

Rome.





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Government assume that the King of Italy will fly his Standard on arrival at that port, which, as Your Excellency will be aware, His Majesty is visiting at the invitation of the Government of British Somaliland.

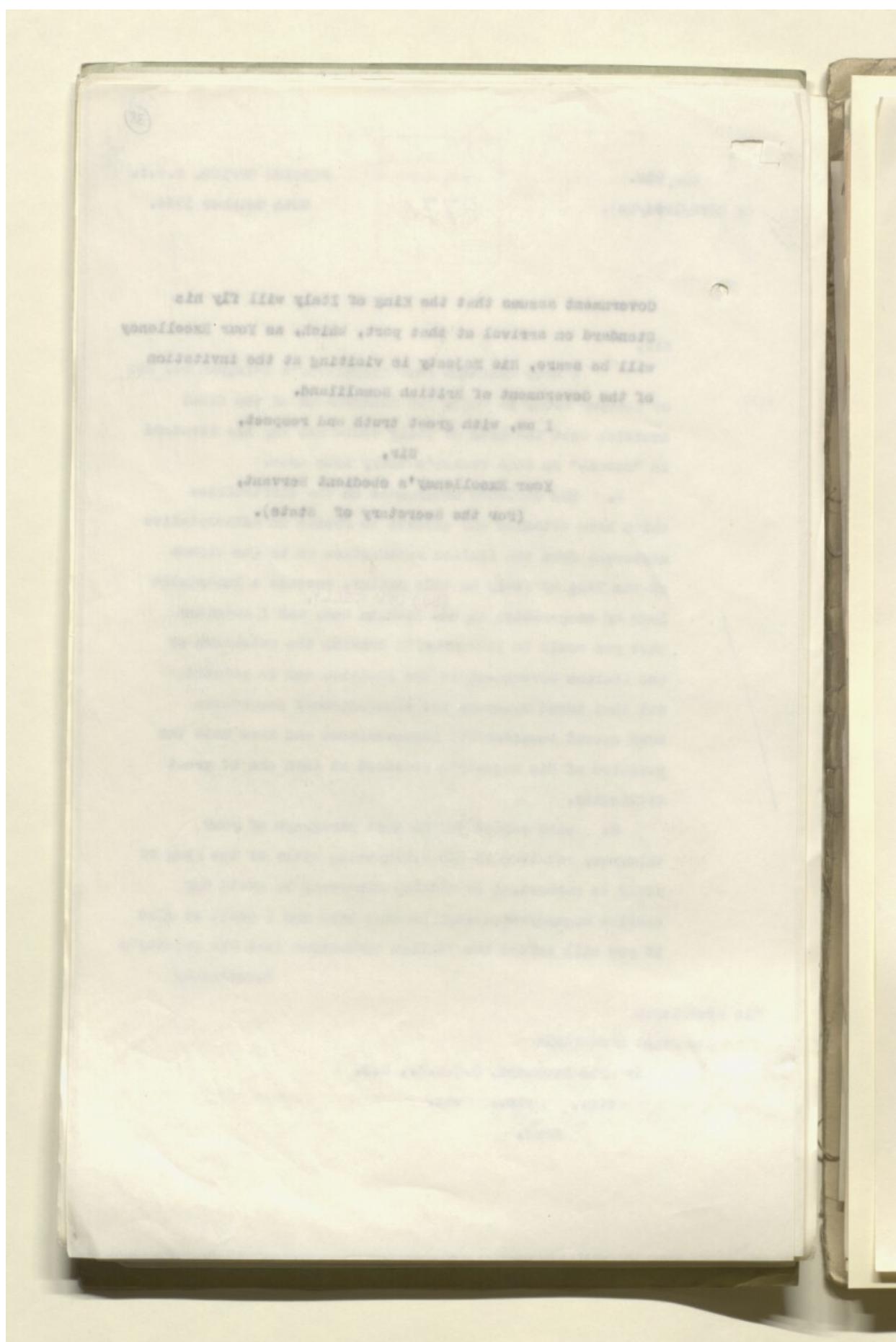
I am, with great truth and respect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(For the Secretary of State).

(Sd) D. V. KELLY.





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(J 2574/1942/66).

Visit of the King of Italy to Aden.

In a Note dated October 2nd the Italian Ambassador enquired whether there was any objection to the call at Aden of the King of Italy's yacht "Savoia" escorted by the Italian cruiser "Gorizia".

On October 13th, the views of the other Departments concerned having been obtained, the Italian Ambassador was told that there was no objection to this visit, and a letter was written to Sir Clive Wigram asking him to inform the King of the proposed call at Aden and to take His Majesty's pleasure as to the treatment which should be accorded to the King of Italy at that place.

On October 15th, Mr. Mitchell, replying to the above letter to Sir Clive Wigram, informed us that the King desired that the King of Italy's visit should be treated in the same way as the King of Spain's to Malta in 1927. He also said that the King trusted that King Victor Emmanuel would hoist his Standard, and suggested that it might be possible for His Majesty's wishes to be made known to the King. The 1927 precedent laid down that the King of Spain "whether he be travelling incognito or not "if his Royal Standard is hoisted, should be received with all "honours and compliments by both Naval and Military: in fact "to be treated exactly the same as if King George himself were "visiting the island".

On October 17th His Majesty's Ambassador at Rome was informed accordingly, and instructed to make the King's wishes known at Rome.

On October 19th Sir E. Drummond telegraphed in the following terms: "The King of Italy will fly his Standard on entering Aden, "and/





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"and wishes me to convey his thanks to the King for His Majesty's  
"kind message".

On October 25th the Resident at Aden telegraphed that  
the Italian Consul at that place had informed him that the King  
of Italy would not fly his Standard, and that the Consul had  
requested confirmation.

On October 26th, at the request of the India Office,  
His Majesty's Embassy at Rome were consulted by telephone and  
later replied that the competent Palace official had said  
that the King of Italy invariably flew his Standard when  
travelling in his yacht.

On October 27th this telephone message was confirmed by  
a telegram from Sir E. Drummond in which he reported that he  
had had a visit from the Master of Ceremonies who had repeated  
that the King of Italy invariably flies his Standard; that  
His Majesty expected salutes, and if he did disembark, guards  
of honour, although he desired to maintain the private character  
of his visit.

On October 29th a further telegram from Sir E. Drummond  
said that the Master of Ceremonies had just informed him that  
he had received a telegram from the King's A.D.C. stating that  
the visit to Aden was strictly private and that the Royal  
Standard would not be flown.

30th October, 1934.





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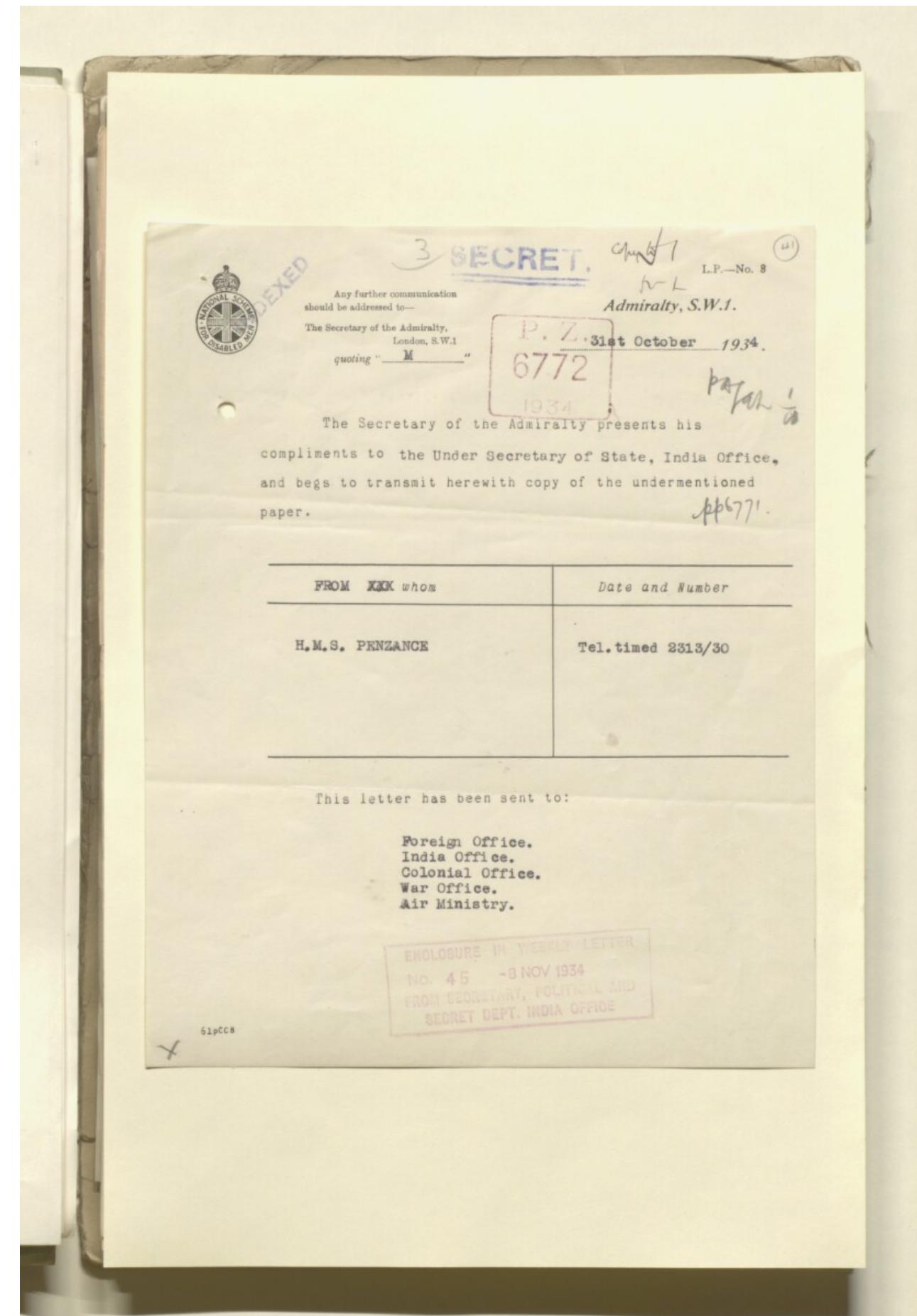
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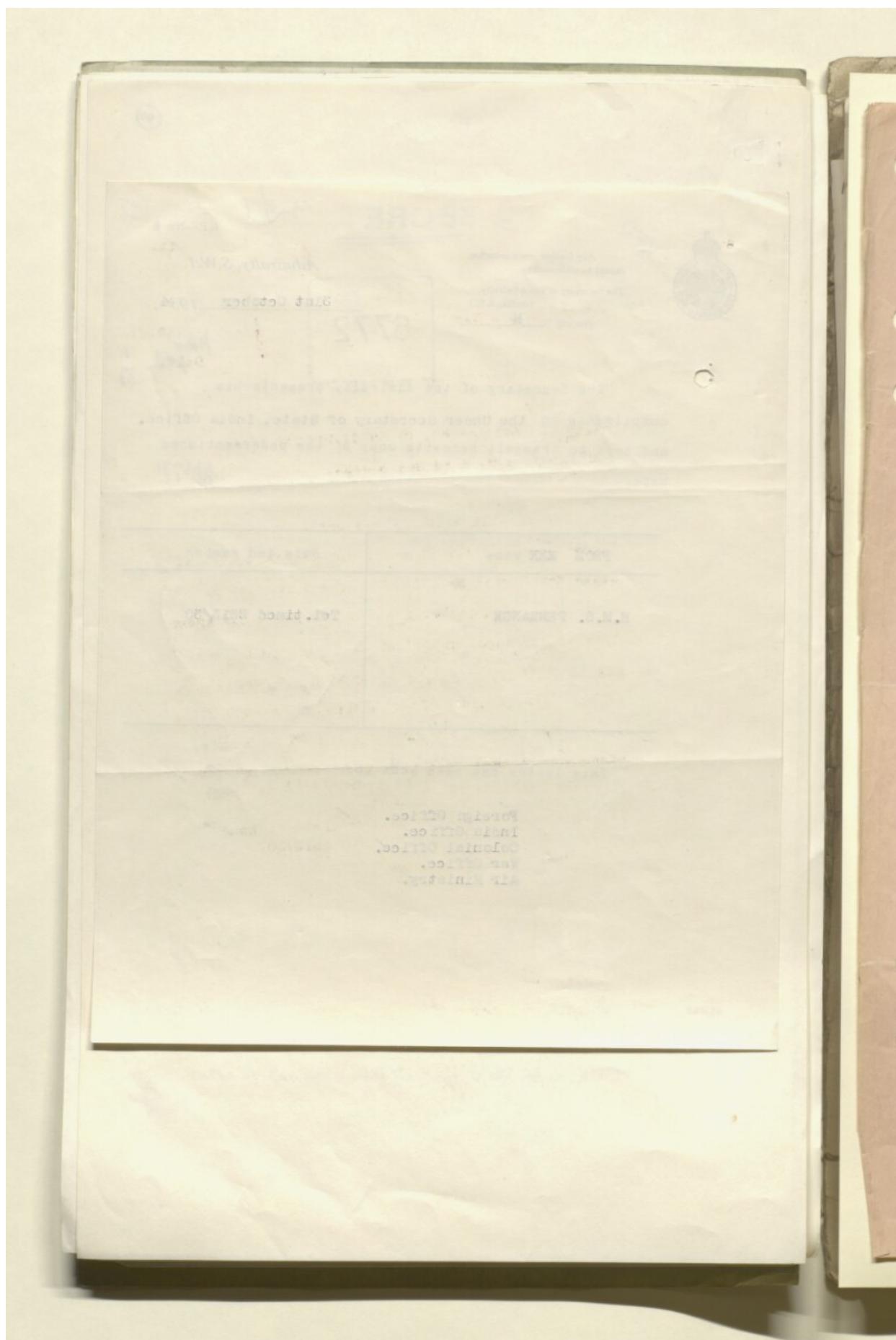
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Cypher G.G. (G.)

Addressed C. in C. East Indies, C. in C. Mediterranean,  
Admiralty, S.O. Red Sea Sloops.

For reasons which he has outlined in his  
(? telegram) (? 95) 30th October to the Secty. of  
State for India, Political Resident decided on  
evening of 28th October that although it was known  
that (? standard) would not be flown Aden Command  
should fire royal salute on arrival and departure  
of His Majesty and on his landing and re-embarking  
when royal guard of honour would also be paraded.  
Signals were exchanged with His Majesty who agreed  
to these proposals. I accordingly (? dressed)  
(? comma) and rendered full naval royal honours.

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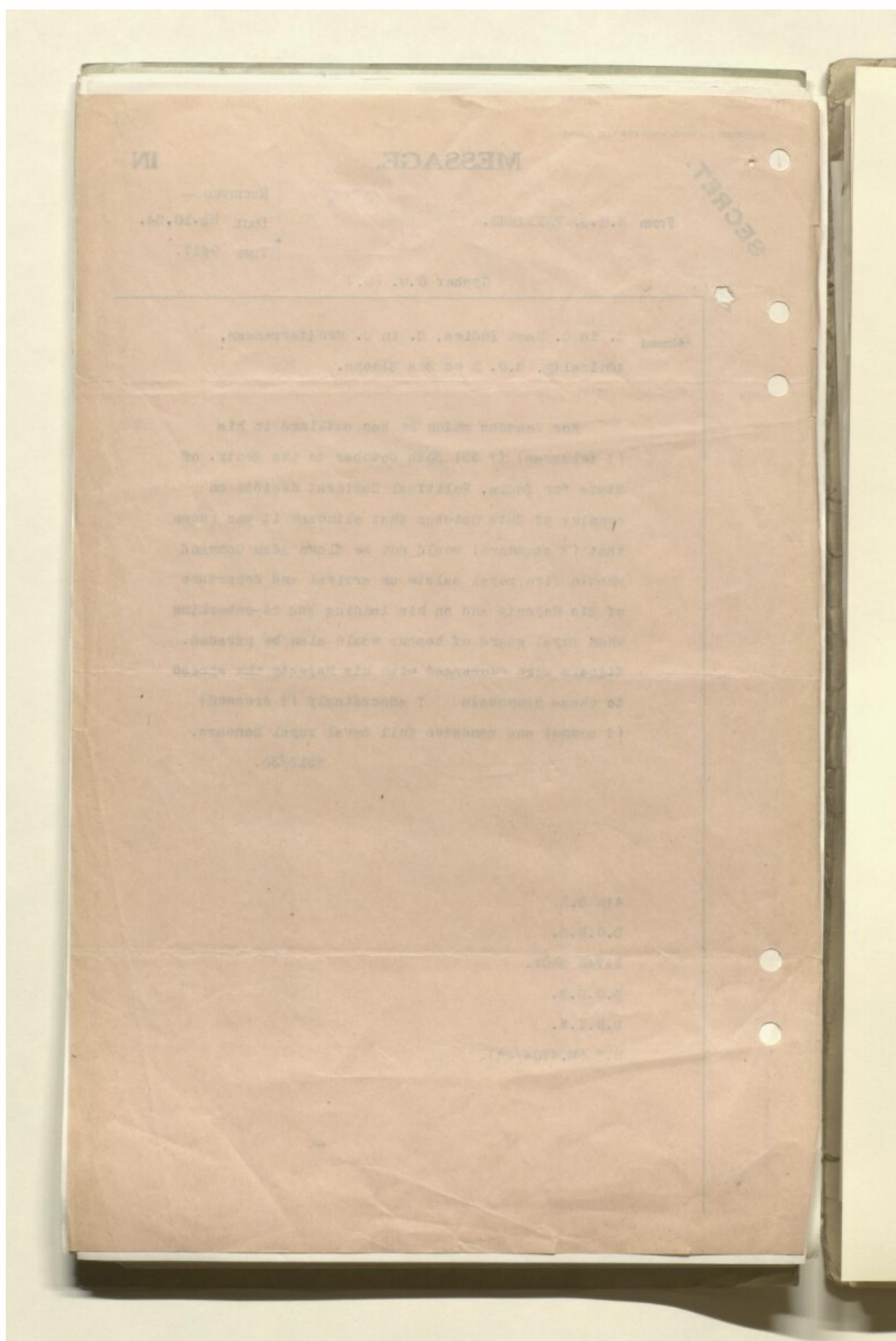
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From Government of India, Foreign and Political Department, to Aden, and repeated by former to Secretary of State for India.

Dated New Delhi, 31st October, 1934.

Received 1.30 p.m., 31st October, 1934. **X X X**

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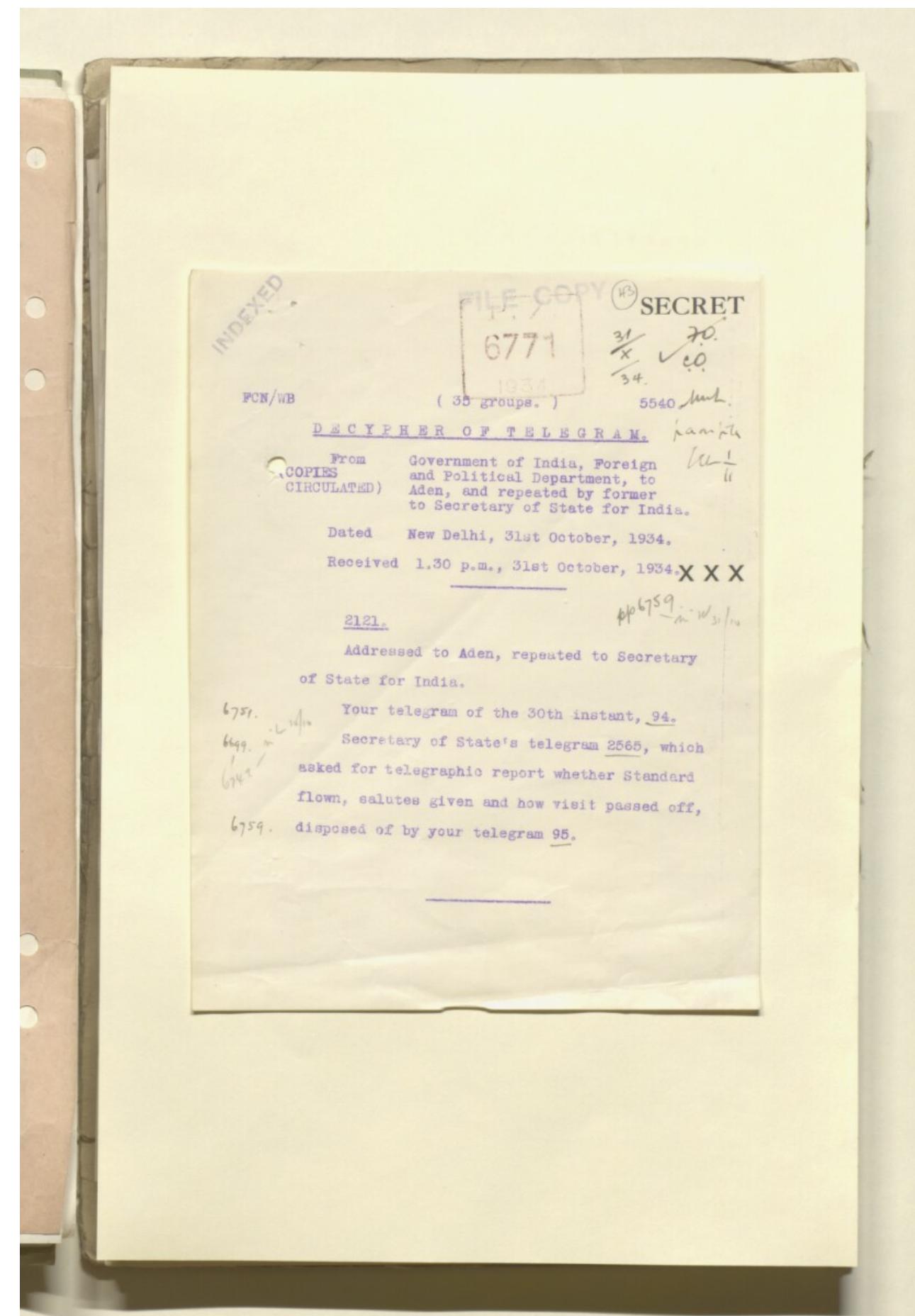
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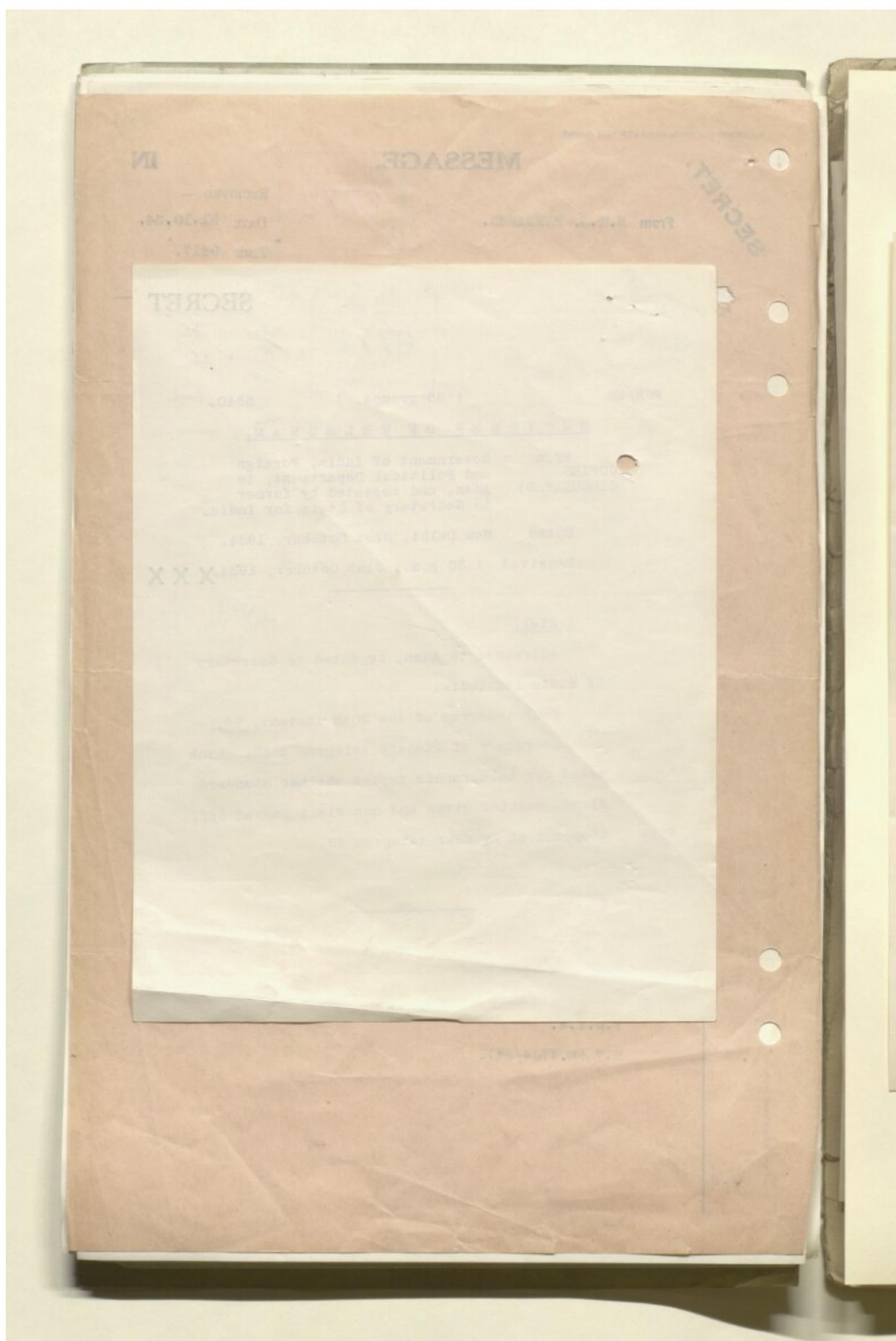
6751. Your telegram of the 30th instant, 94.

6759. <sup>14/10</sup> Secretary of State's telegram 2565, which asked for telegraphic report whether Standard

flown, salutes given and how visit passed off,

6759. disposed of by your telegram 95.







Any further communication  
should be addressed to—

The Secretary of the Admiralty,  
London, S.W.1  
quoting " M ".

L.P.—No. 8 (44)

Admiralty, S.W.1.

26th October 1934.

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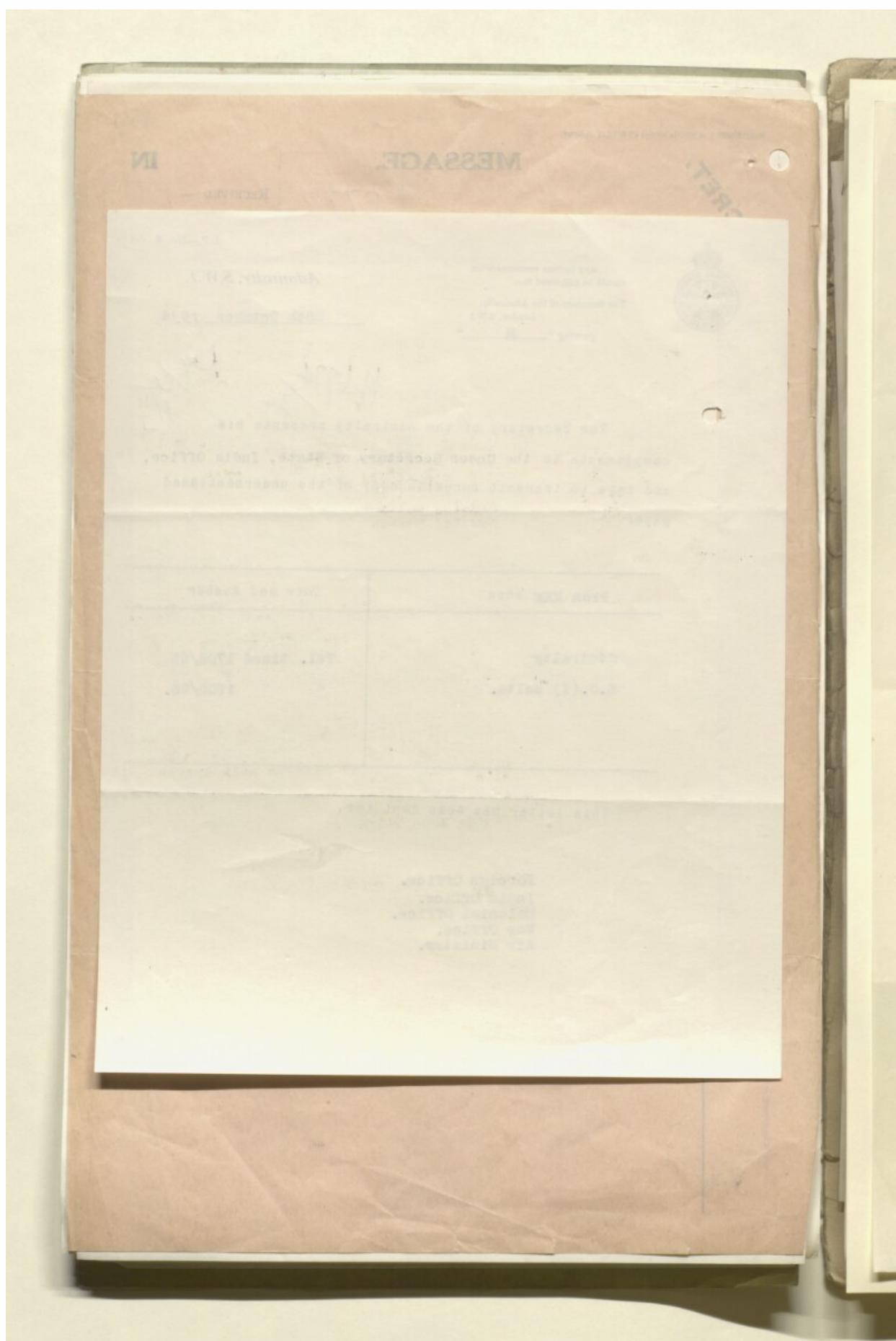
The Secretary of the Admiralty presents his  
compliments to the Under Secretary of State, India Office,  
and begs to transmit herewith copy of the undermentioned  
paper.

From <del>XXX</del> whom	Date and Number
Admiralty S.O. (I) Malta.	Tel. timed 1708/25
	" " 1500/25.

This letter has been sent to:

Foreign Office.  
India Office.  
Colonial Office.  
War Office.  
Air Ministry.

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C O P Y O F M E S S A G E

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To C.in C. Mediterranean, 957. Date 25.10.34.  
C.in C. East Indies, 139.  
S.O. Red Sea Sloops.  
C.O. PENZANCE.  
S.O. (I) Colombo.  
S.O. (I) Malta.

ADDRESSED C. in C. Mediterranean, East Indies,  
S.O. Red Sea Sloops, C.O. PENZANCE, S.O. (I)  
Colombo, S.O. (I) Malta, from Admiralty.

My 1155/18\* Italian Authorities have  
intimated that the two vessels will arrive Aden  
29th October instead of 28th October and will  
leave on 30th October.

1708/25.

\* Visit of King of Italy to Aden.



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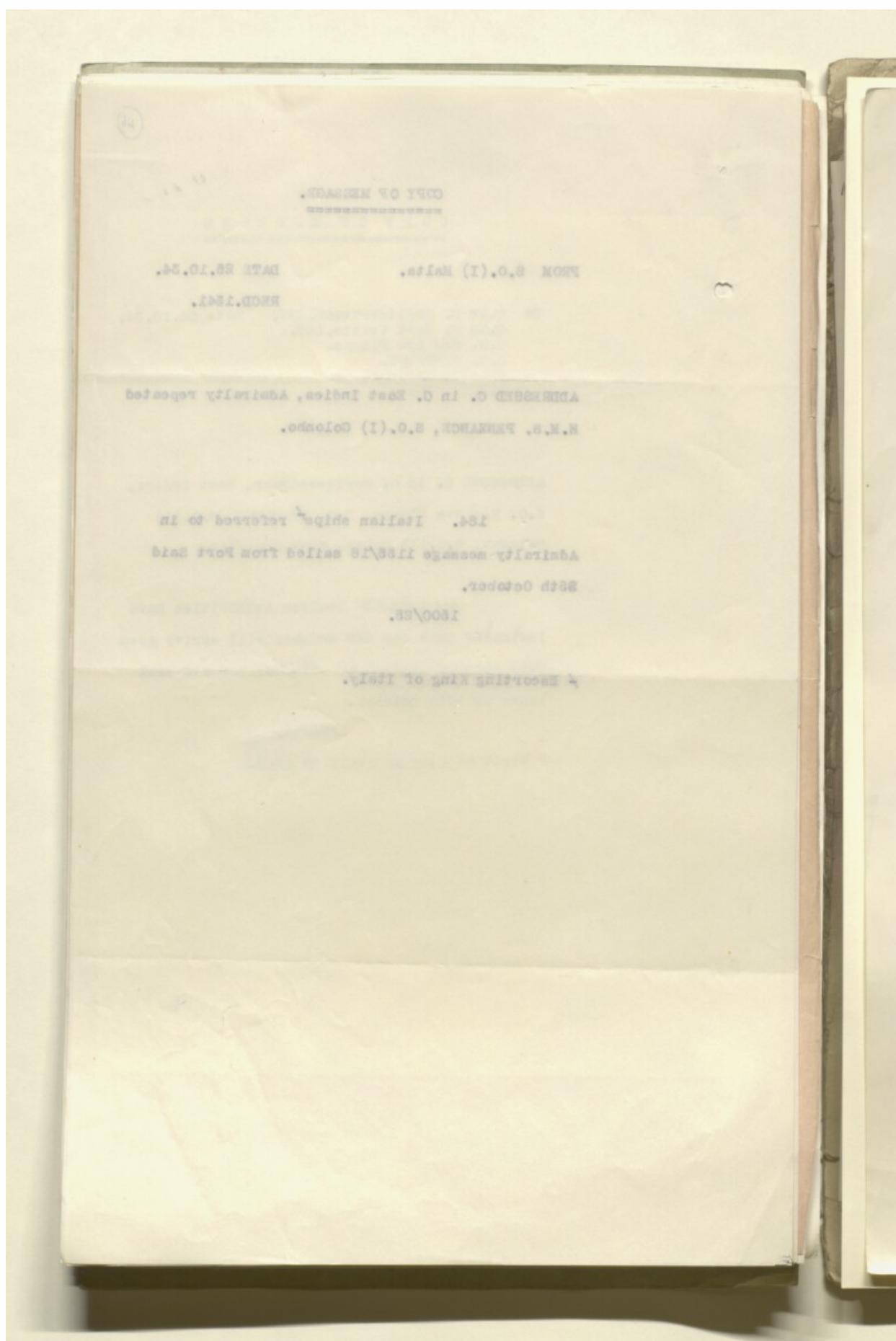
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ADDRESSED C. in C. East Indies, Admiralty repeated  
H.M.S. PENZANCE, S.O.(I) Colombo.

184. Italian ships<sup>✓</sup> referred to in  
Admiralty message 1155/18 sailed from Port Said  
25th October.

1500/25.

✓ Escorting King of Italy.





Draft Paper.

PZ. 6759  
34.

B. S. D. (H)

Department.

7pm. 10.10.95  
LWT  
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Cables X

Addrs P. 21 Tel Ad 2610  
Utd. Post. Aden No 2611to warden.  
6-8-8.

Sir B. Reilly seems to have handled a difficult situation admirably & F.O. no longer feel apprehension as to difficulties with the Palace. They think we might send ~~something~~ something on the lines of the draft.

? send V.T.L.  $\frac{31}{60}$ .

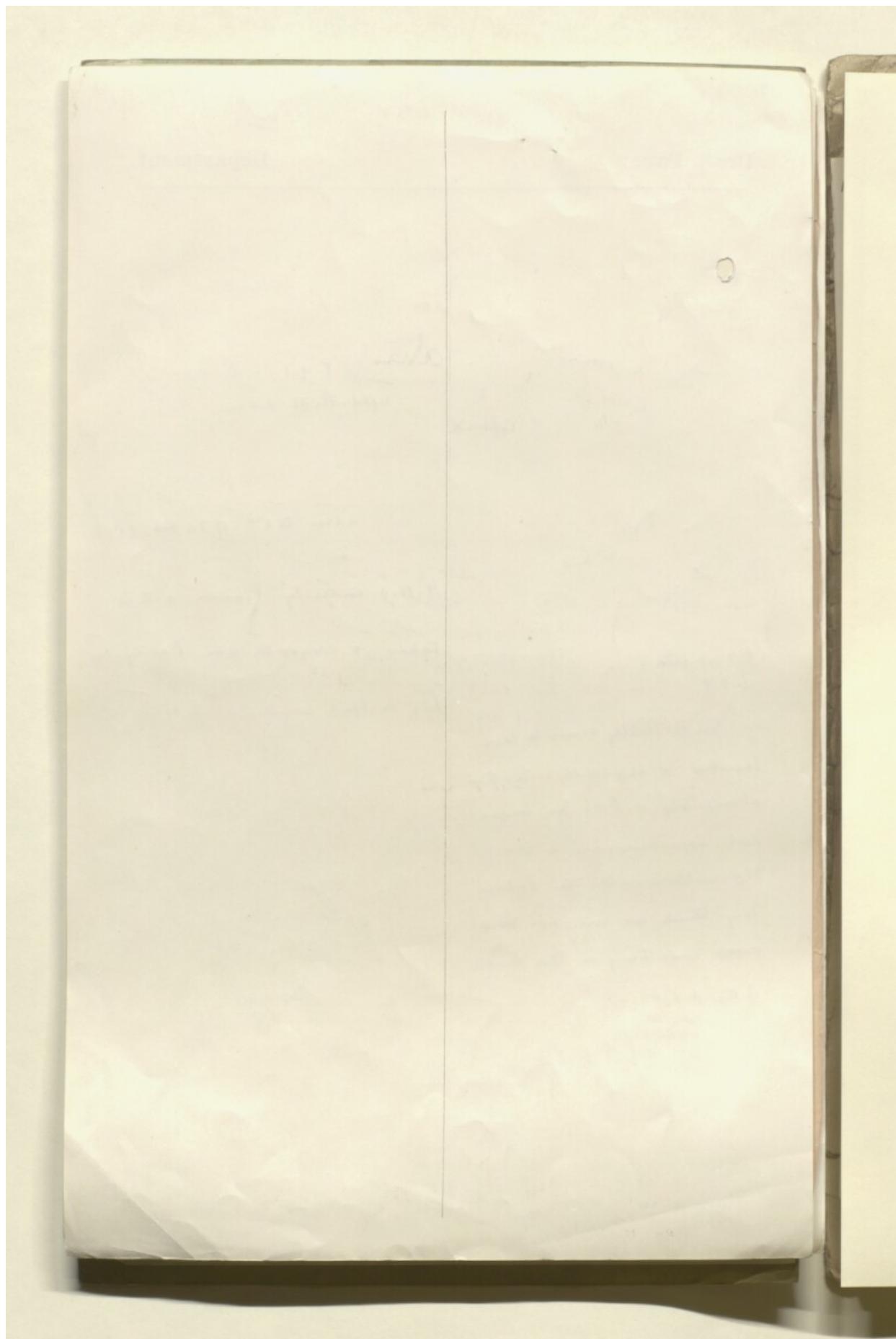
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H.M.G. entirely oppose action taken, & congratulate Reilly on his tactful handling of situation.

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RECEIPTER OF TELEGRAM.

From      Government of India, Foreign  
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Dated      New Delhi, 31st October, 1934.

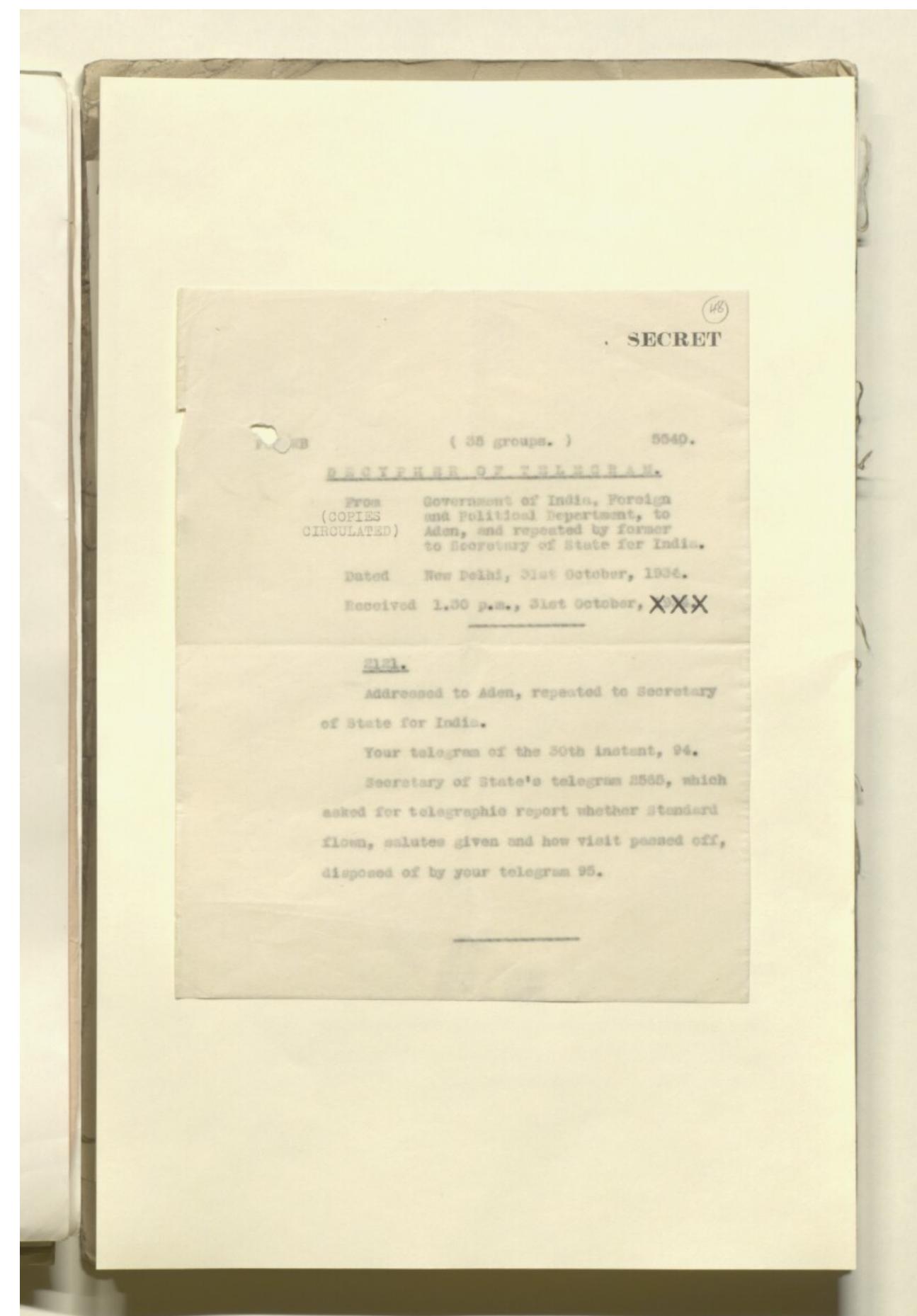
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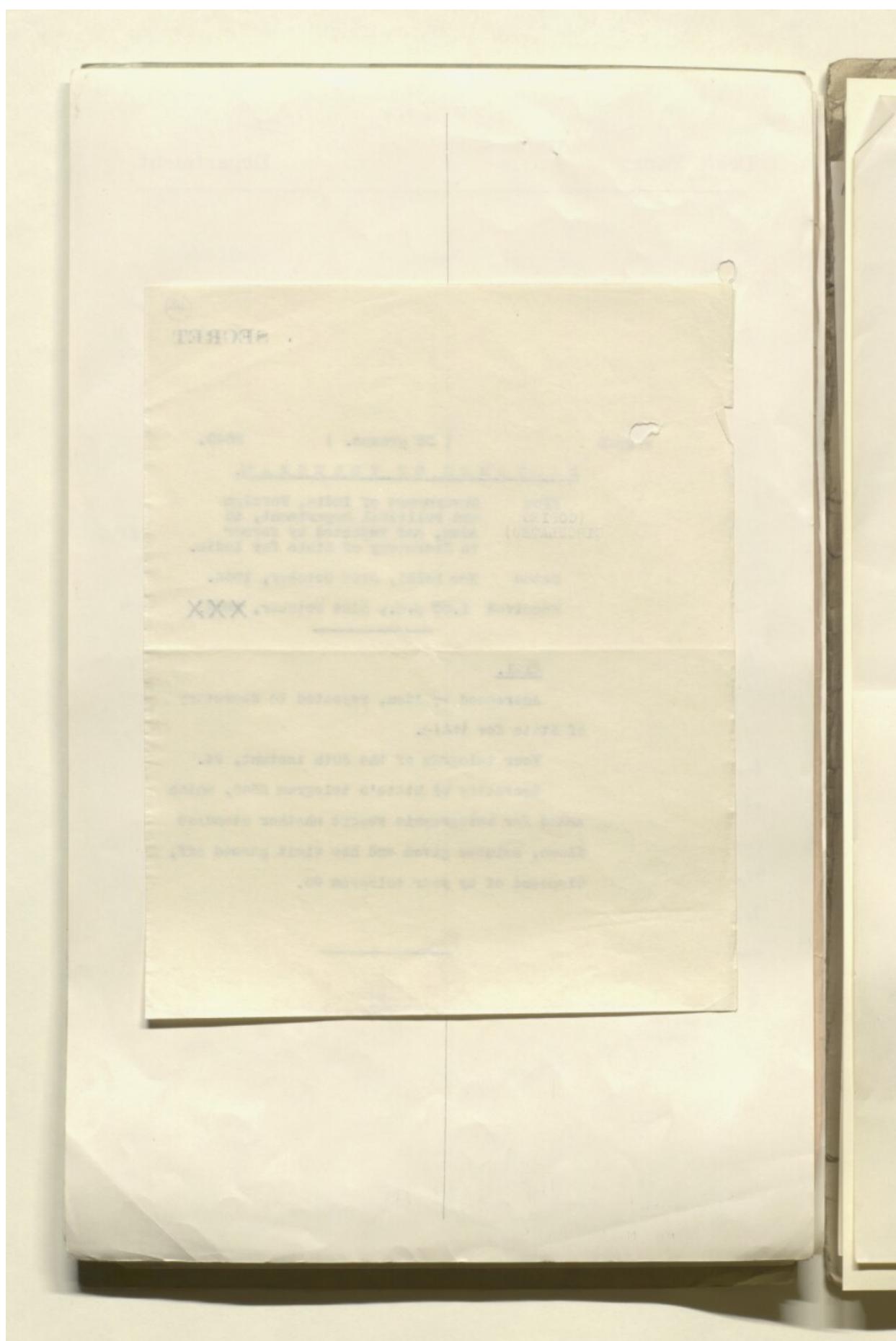
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5532.

DECYPHER OF TELEGRAM.

From The Political Resident at Aden  
to Government of India, Foreign &  
Political Department, and repeated  
by former to Secretary of State for  
India.  
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Dated Aden, 30th October, 1934.

Received 30th October, 1934, 3-15 p.m.

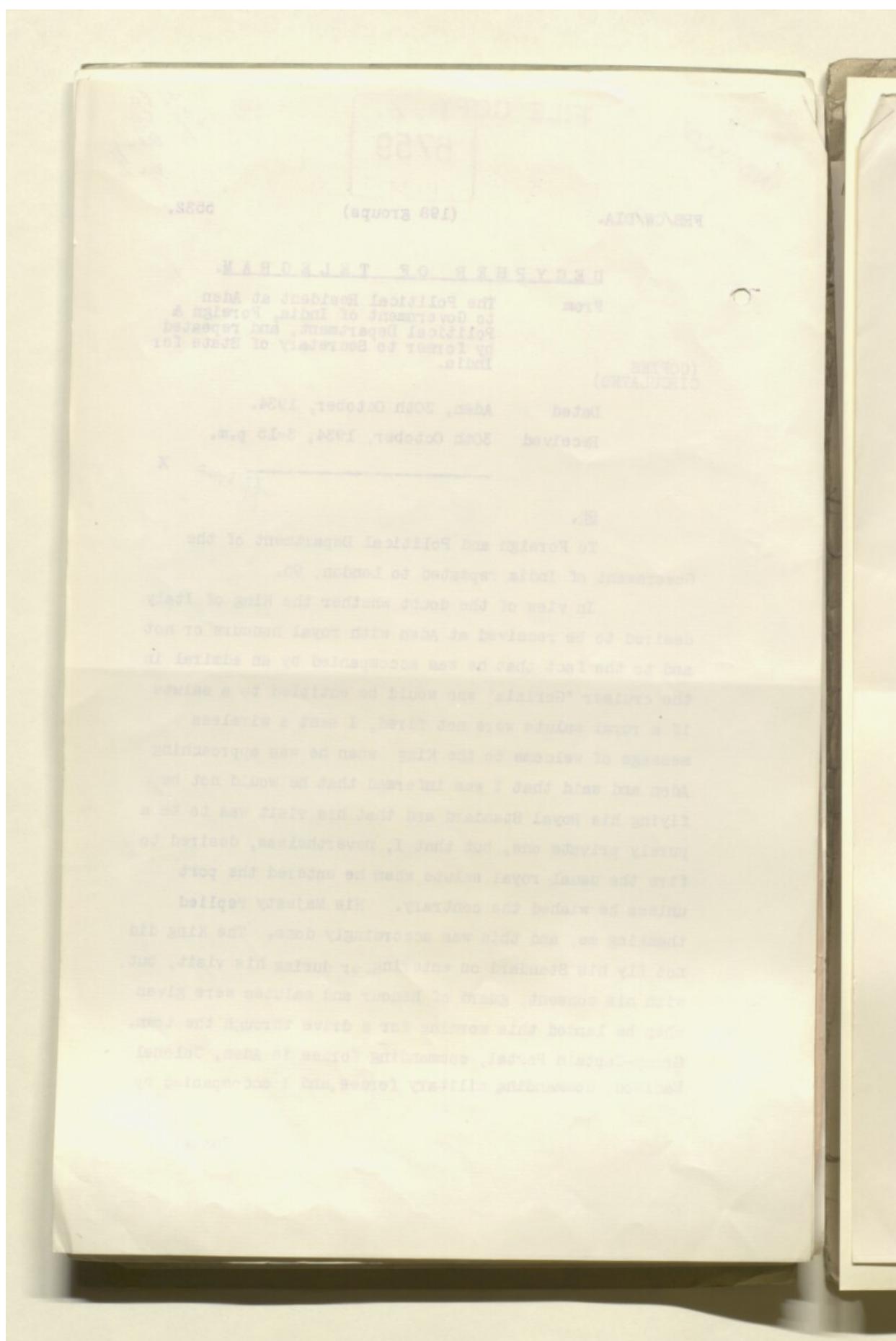
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M.C. 30/10

To Foreign and Political Department of the  
Government of India, repeated to London, 95.

In view of the doubt whether the King of Italy  
desired to be received at Aden with royal honours or not  
and to the fact that he was accompanied by an admiral in  
the cruiser "Gorizia" who would be entitled to a salute  
if a royal salute were not fired, I sent a wireless  
message of welcome to the King when he was approaching  
Aden and said that I was informed that he would not be  
flying his Royal Standard and that his visit was to be a  
purely private one, but that I, nevertheless, desired to  
fire the usual royal salute when he entered the port  
unless he wished the contrary. His Majesty replied  
thanking me, and this was accordingly done. The King did  
not fly his Standard on entering, or during his visit, but,  
with his consent, guard of honour and salutes were given  
when he landed this morning for a drive through the town.  
Group-Captain Portal, commanding forces in Aden, Colonel  
Macleod, commanding military forces, and I accompanied by

Captain

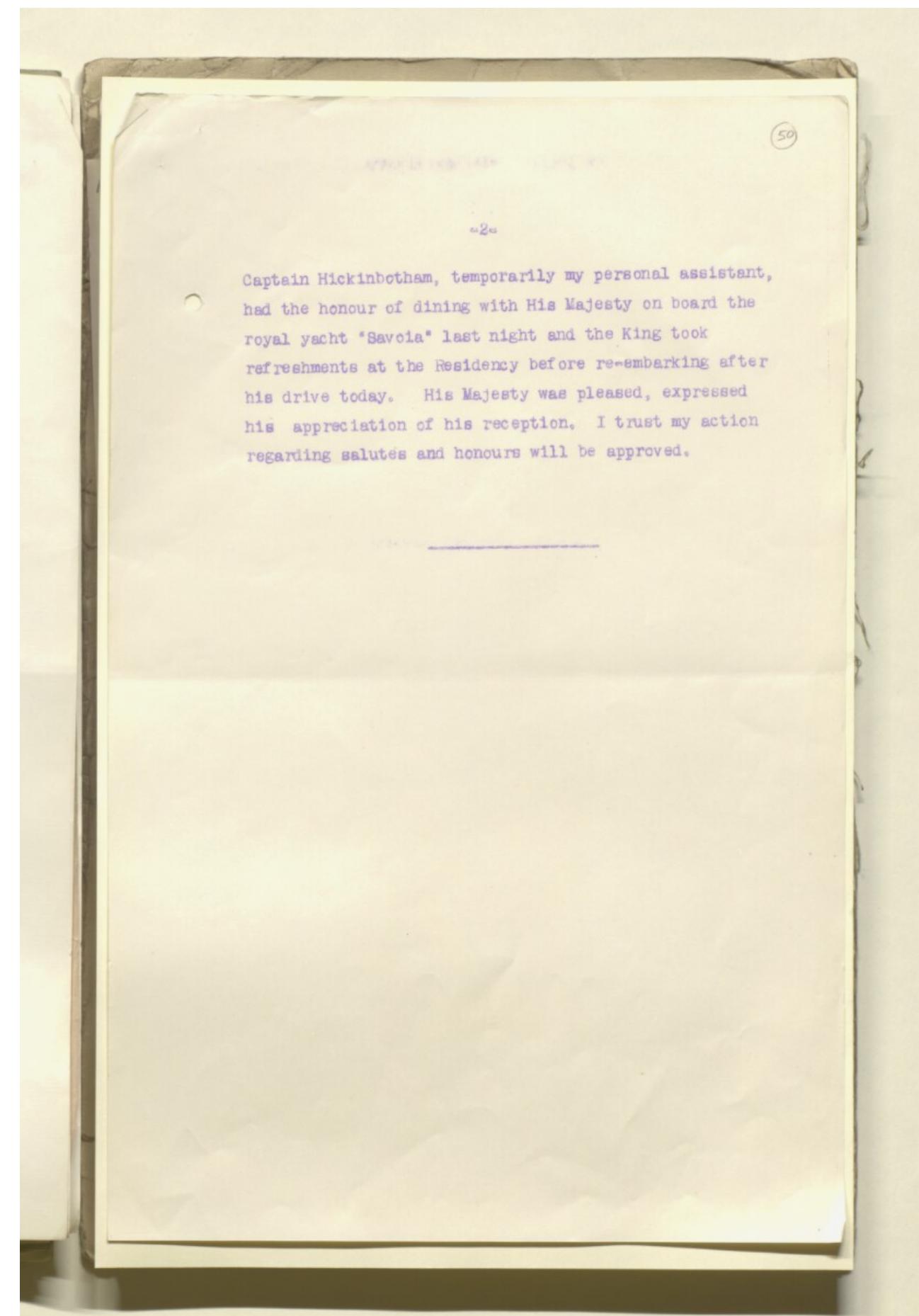


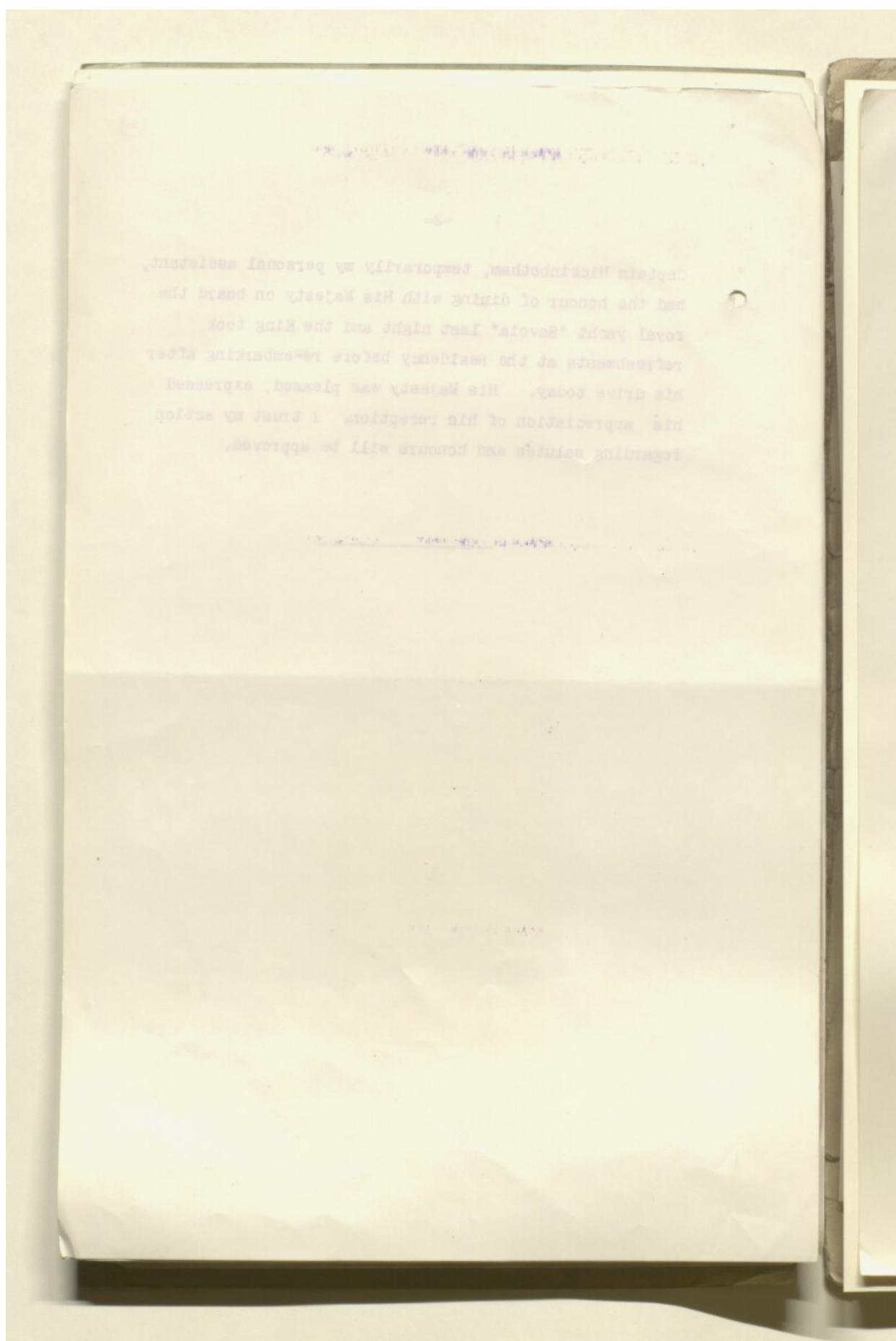


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Captain Hickinbotham, temporarily my personal assistant, had the honour of dining with His Majesty on board the royal yacht "Savoy" last night and the King took refreshments at the Residency before re-embarking after his drive today. His Majesty was pleased, expressed his appreciation of his reception. I trust my action regarding salutes and honours will be approved.







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Admiralty, S.W.1.

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should be addressed to—

The Secretary of the Admiralty,  
London, S.W.1  
quoting " M. "

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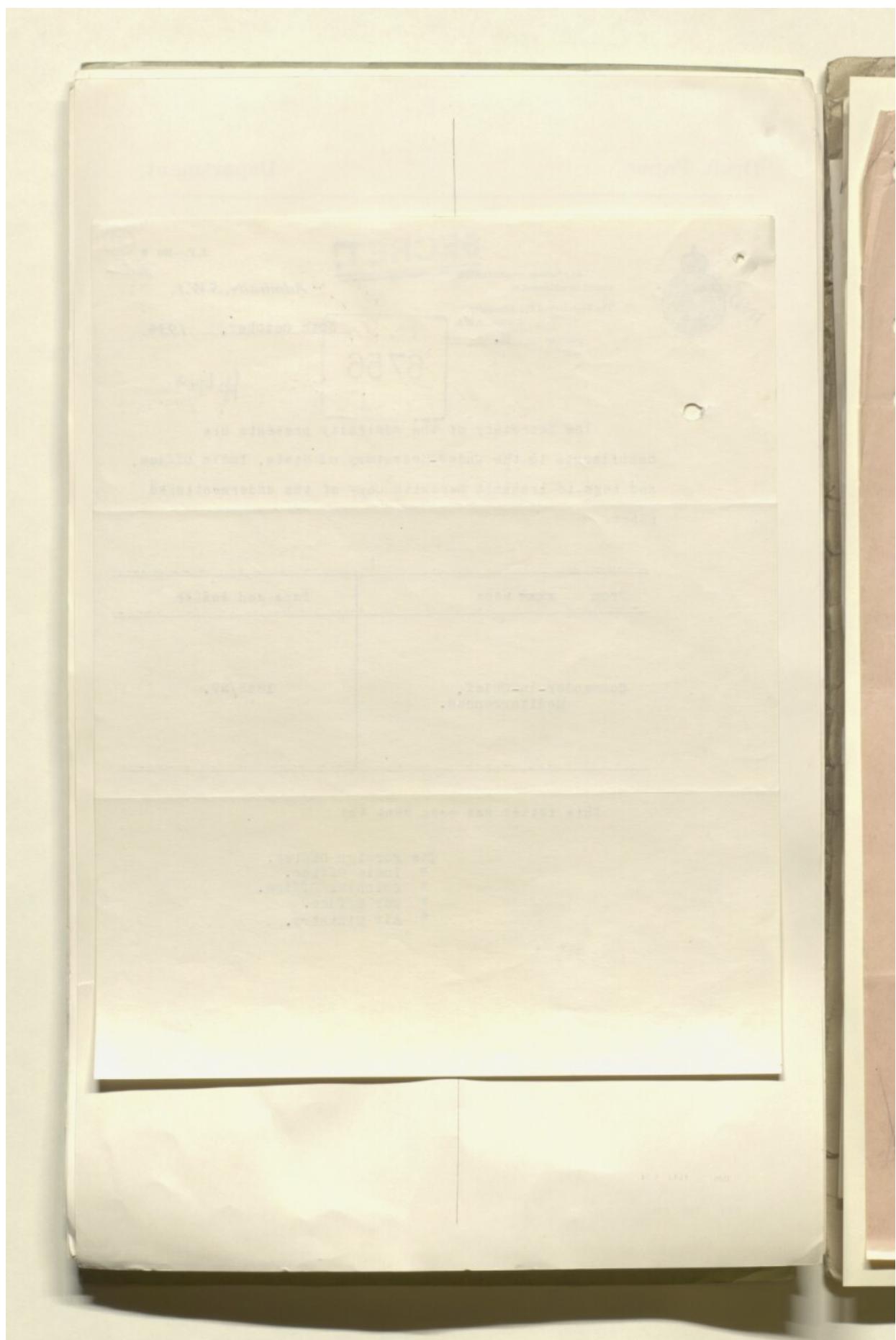
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and begs to transmit herewith copy of the undermentioned  
paper.

From	xxam whom	Date and Number
	Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.	1843/29.

This letter has been sent to:

The Foreign Office.  
" India Office.  
" Colonial Office.  
" War Office.  
" Air Ministry.

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## MESSAGE.

IN

From C-in-C. Mediterranean.

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DATE 29.10.34.  
TIME 1903

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CYPHER G.G.(G)

Addressed Admiralty, repeated H.M.S. PENZANCE, C-in-C. East Indies, S.O., Red Sea Sloops.

890. Your 1542 25th October. Arrangements have ~~been~~ been made for H.M.S. PENZANCE to do this duty.

1843/29.

4th S.A.L.

D.C.H.S.

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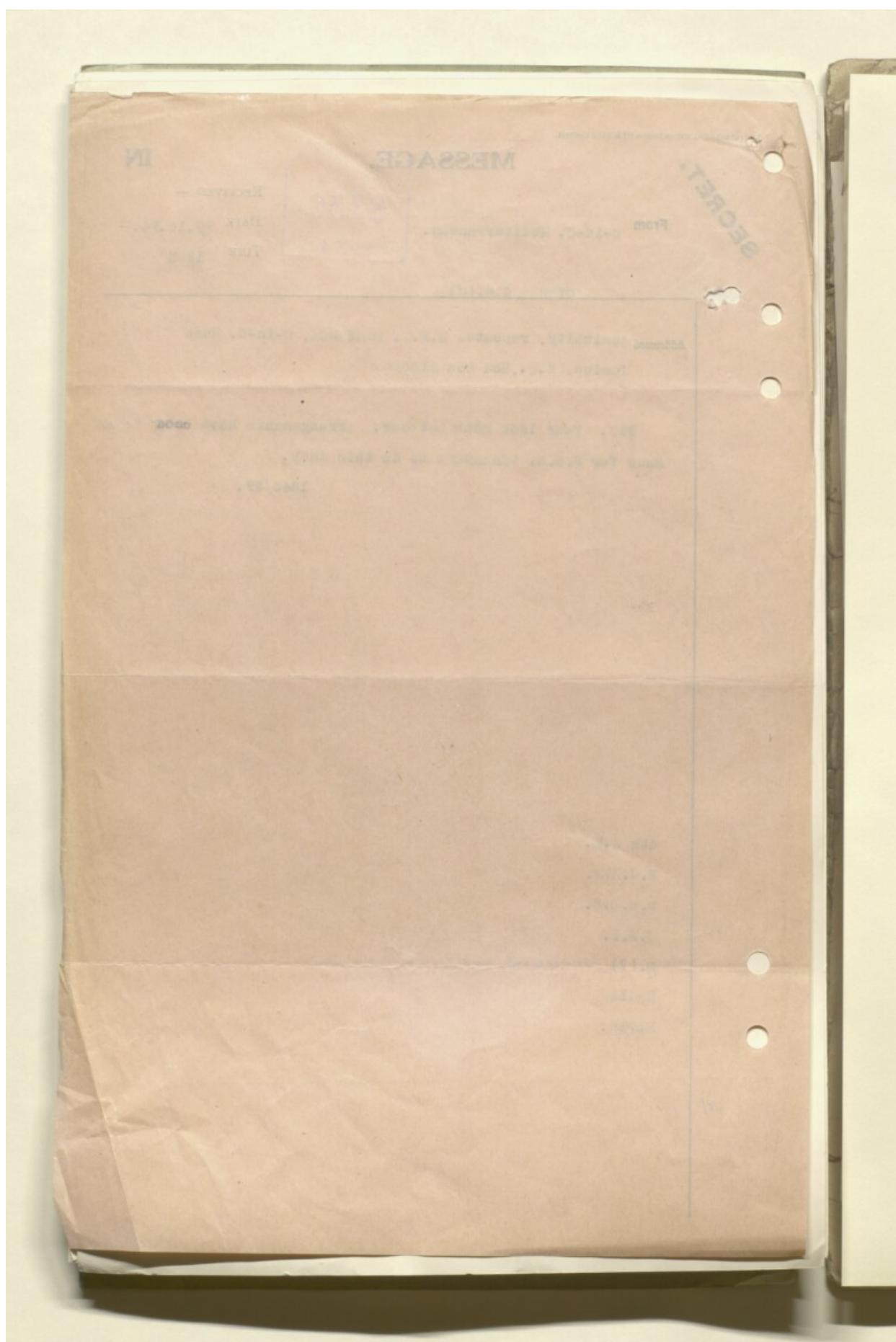
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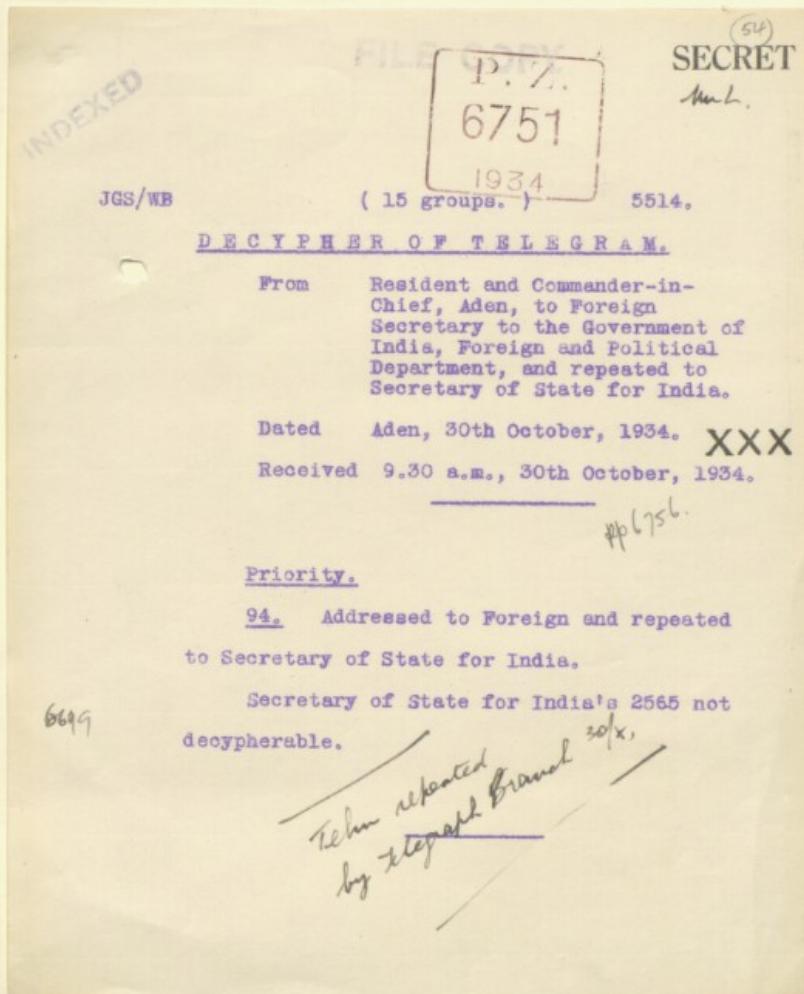
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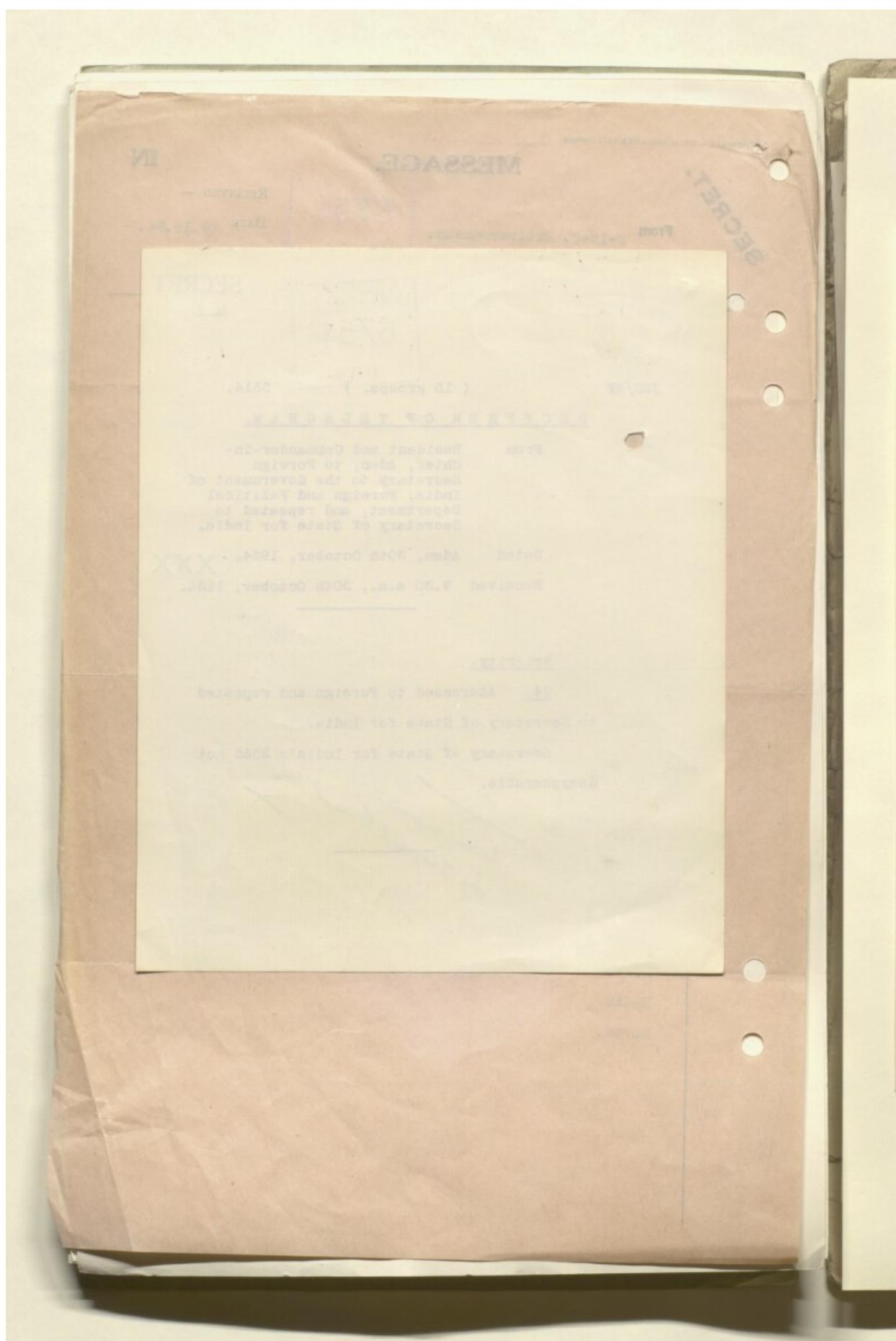
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London, S.W.1

quoting "M."

P. Z.

6725

29th October, 1934.

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Admiralty, S.W.1.

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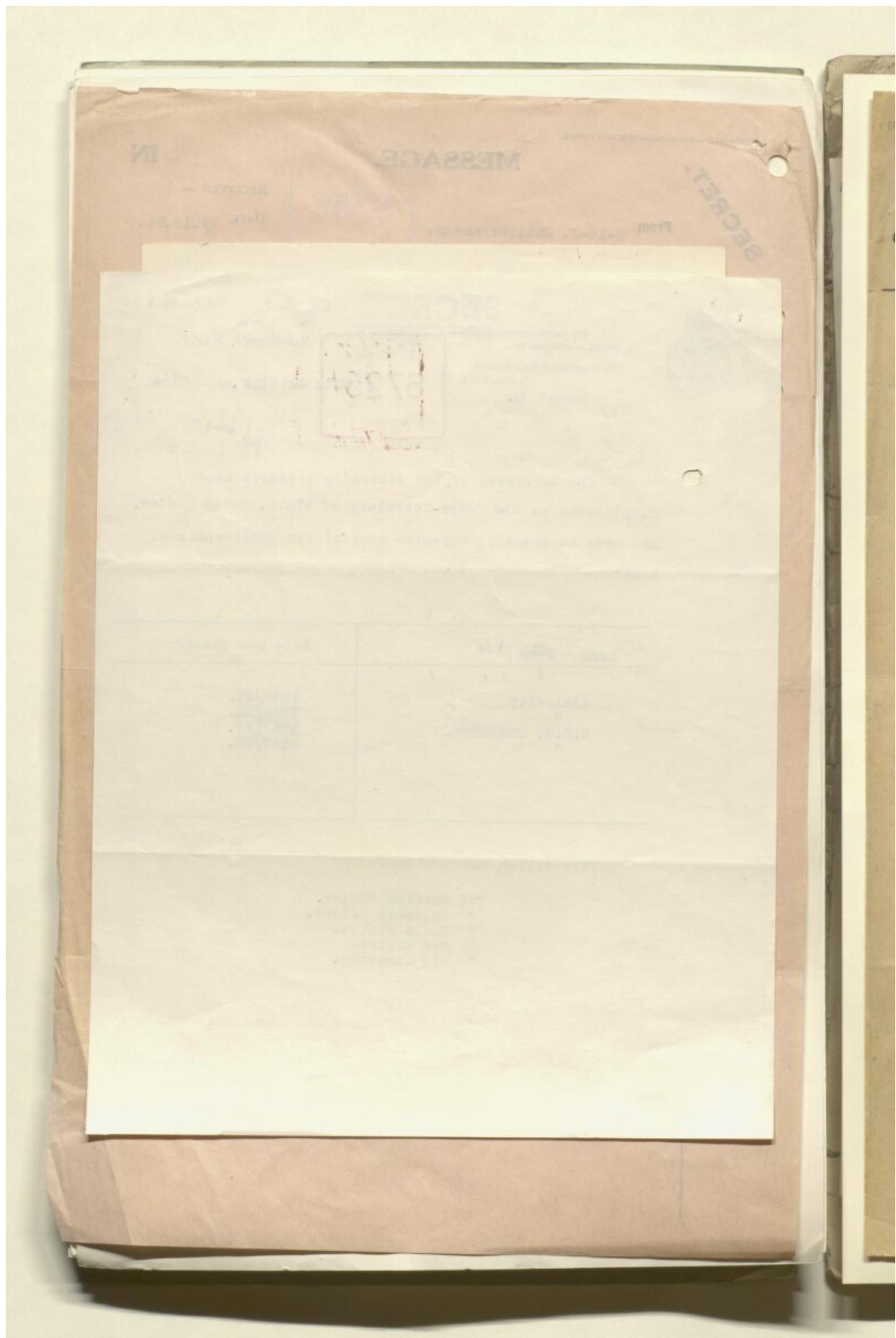
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Admiralty.		1346/27.
"		1352/28.
H.M.S. PENZANCE.		1237/27.
"		0107/28.

This letter has been sent to:

The Foreign Office.  
" Colonial Office.  
" India Office.  
" War Office.  
" Air Ministry.

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FROM SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
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X. 61pcc8. See of Adm. tel 943 d. 27/10/34 only.





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## TELEGRAM.

OUT

From ADMIRALTY.

P. Z.

No.

To C-in C.Med. 943.  
C-in C. East Indies, 142.  
S.O. Red Sea Sloops.  
C.O. PENZANCE.

6725

DATE

1934

27.10.34.

SENT

Cypher G.C. (C).

Addressed C.in C. Med., East Indies, C.O. PENZANCE.

H.M. Red Sea Sloops from Admiralty.

Reference PENZANCE telegram 2132/25, PENZANCE  
 should keep in touch with Political Resident who has  
 latest instructions. As it is understood King will fly  
 his standard instructions in my 1410/20 as regards Naval  
 honours are to be adhered to.

1346/27.

for Hd. of H.

H. (H.4704/34).

4th S. L.

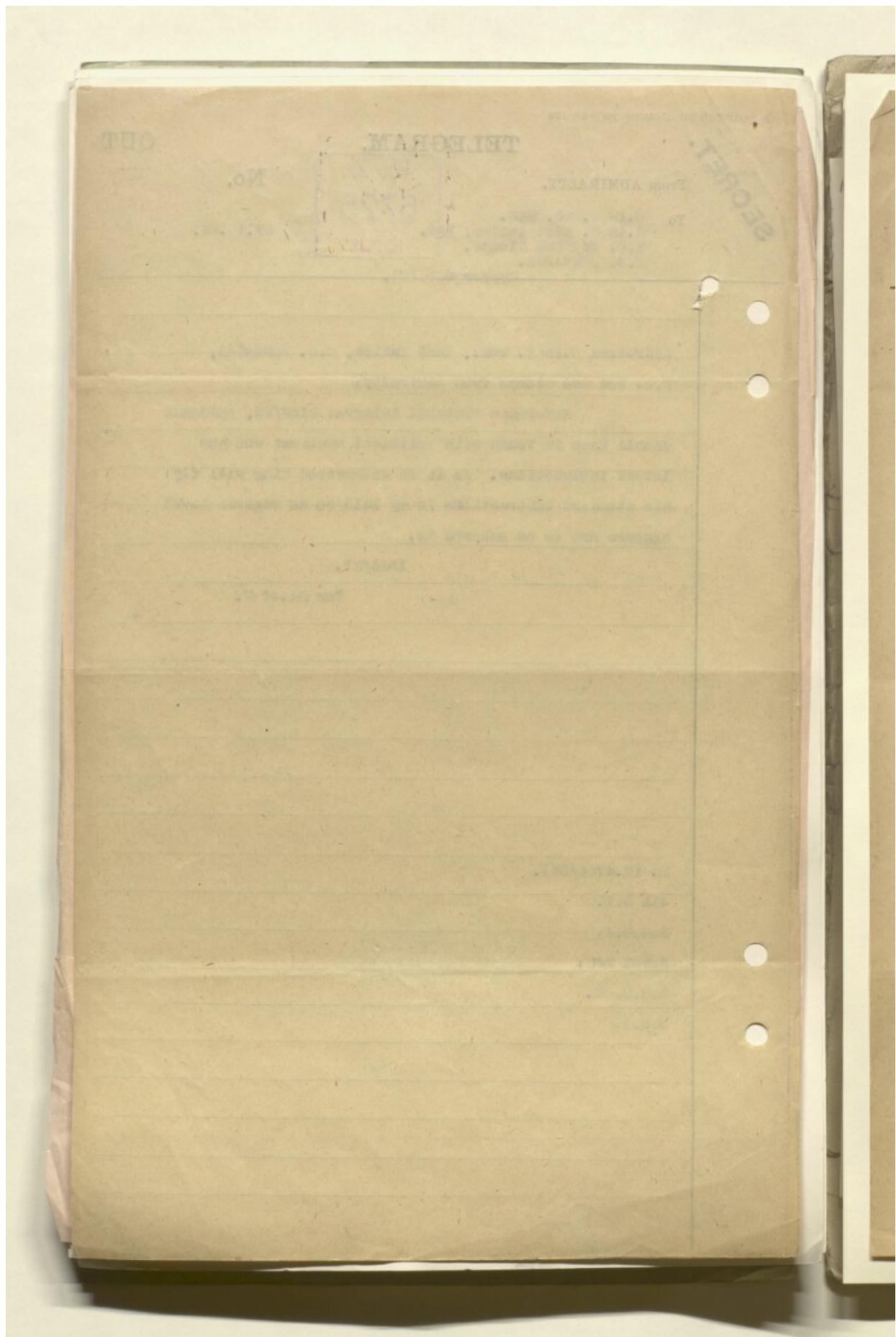
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**SECRET.****TELEGRAM.****OUT**

From ADMIRALTY.

P.M.

No.

To H.M.S. DINGHAN.

6725

DATE 28.10.54.

C. in C. Mediterranean 946.1034

SENT

C. in C. East Indies 143.

S.O.R.B.S.

Cypher G.G. (G.)

addressed H.M.S. DINGHAN, reported C. in C. Mediterranean.

C. in C. East Indies, H.O. Red Sea Sloops from Admiralty.

**IMPORTANT.**

Your 0107 20th October. You should follow Rear Admiral's wishes, but if he expresses no opinion you should salute his flag in accordance with international rule.

1352.

R/G.

(Sent after approval by 4th Sea Lord.)

4th S.L.

D. S. N. S.

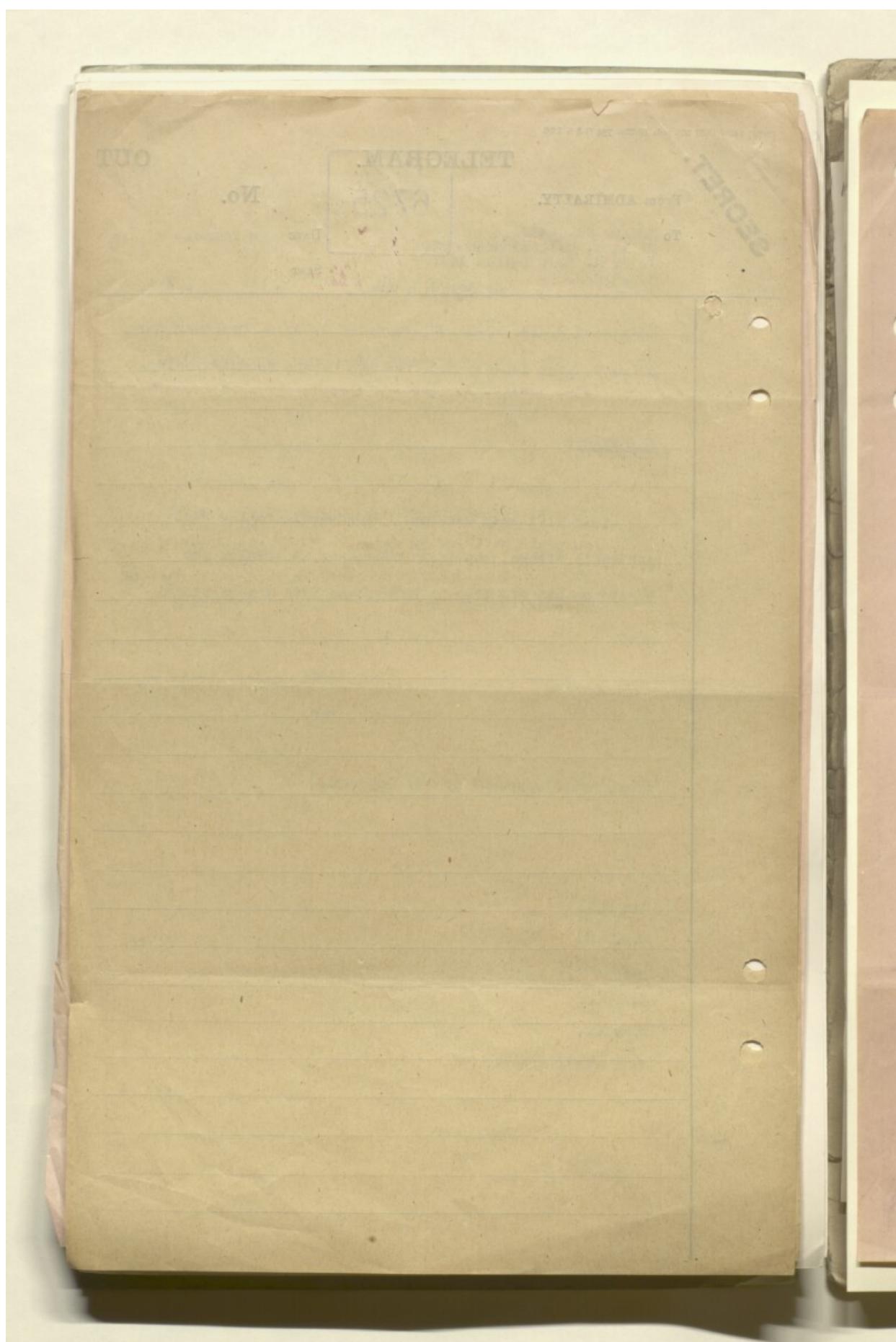
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## MESSAGE.

IN

From H.M.S. PRINCE ALBERT.

P. Z.

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CYPHER G.G.(G).

RECEIVED:—

DATE 27.10.34.

TIME

2248.

Addressed C. in C. Mediterranean, Admiralty repeated C. in C.  
East Indies, S.O. Red Sea Sloops.

My 2132 25th October. Italian Consul has received  
(corrupt group) confirmation from Royal Yacht that  
standard will not be flown. He is therefore informing  
yacht that no salutes or other royal honours will be  
accorded during visit.

1237/27.

4th S.L.

D.G.H.S.

NAVAL SEC.

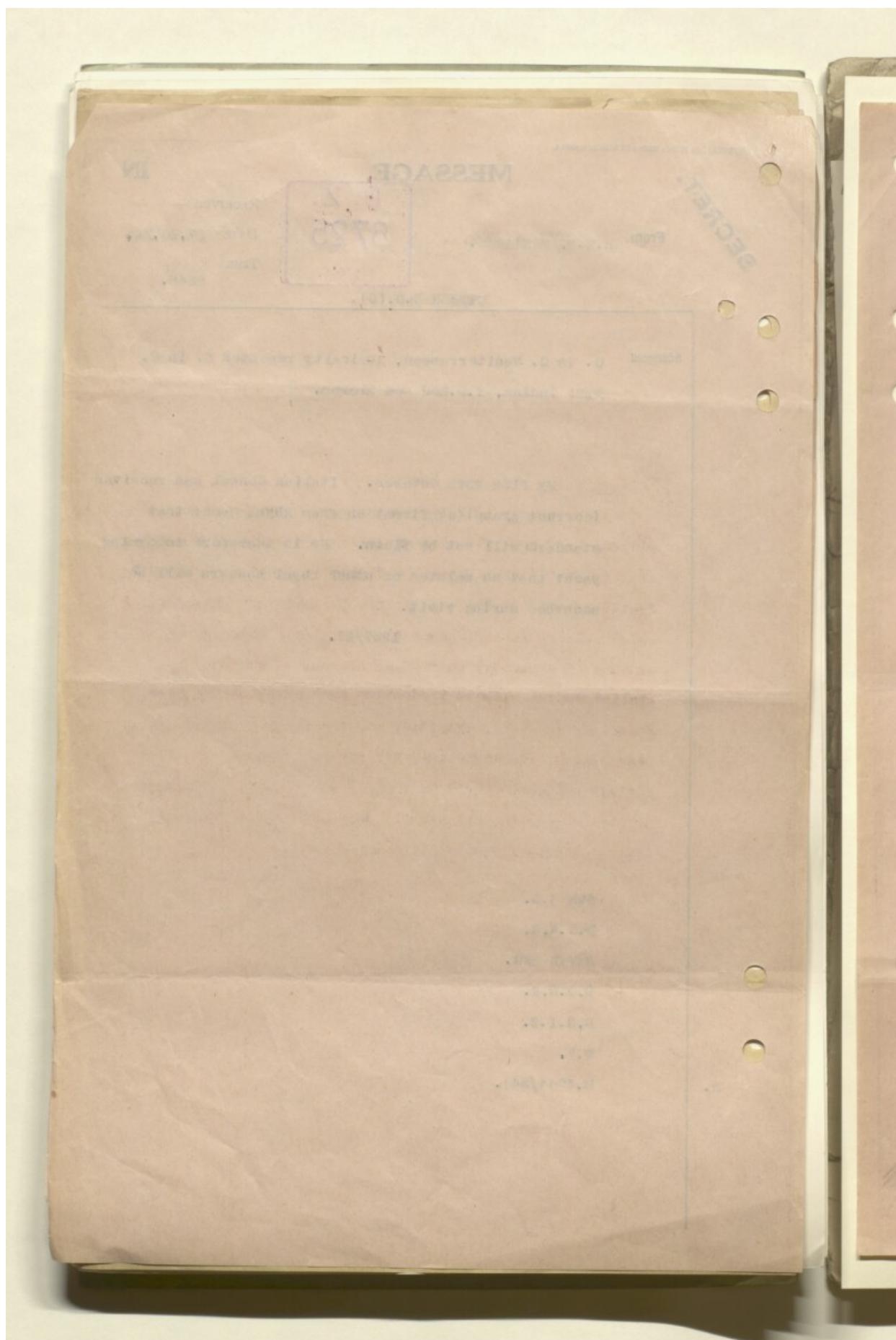
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H.





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**SECRET.****MESSAGE.****IN**

From H.M.S. PENZANCE.

P. Z.
6725
1934

RECEIVED:—  
DATE 28.10.34.  
TIME 0142.

CYPHER G.G.(G).

Addressed C. in C. Mediterranean, Admiralty repeated C. in C.  
East Indies, S.O. Red Sea Sloops.

IMPORTANT.

Reference my 1236 27th October. I now learn that Gorizia is flying the flag of Admiral of Division Miraglia. As Royal Standard will not be flying in yacht I consider I should salute his flag on arrival in accordance with K.R. & A.I.75 clause 1. Presence of His Majesty although in a private (?) capacity introduces element of uncertainty. Italian Consul without indicating such question has been raised by British Authorities has therefore signalled to Rear Admiral (?) requesting his views. I consider Rear Admiral's wishes should be followed <sup>ad</sup> but request instructions (?) should these not be clearly defined. Close touch is being maintained with Political Resident.

0107/28.

4th S.B.

D.G.H.S.

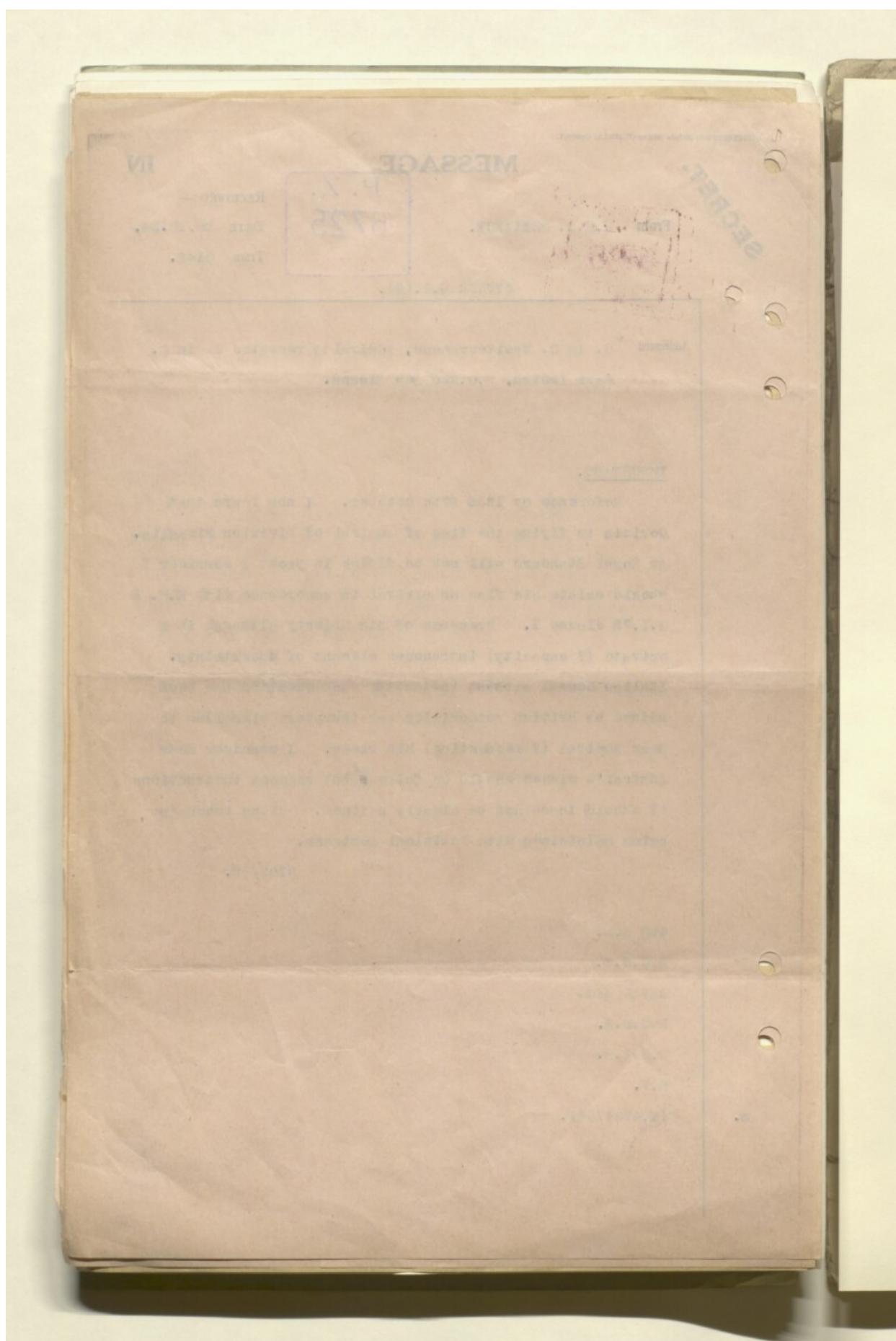
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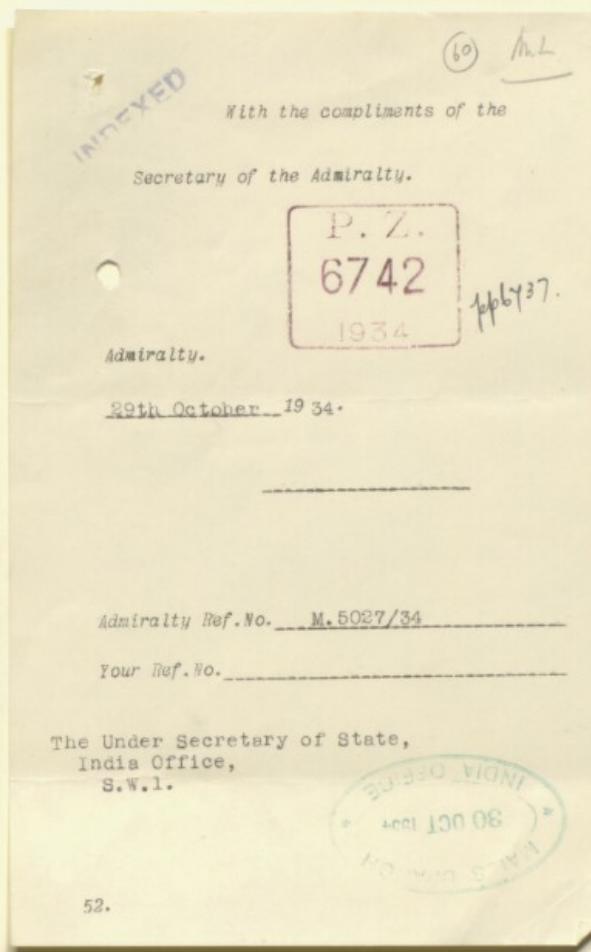
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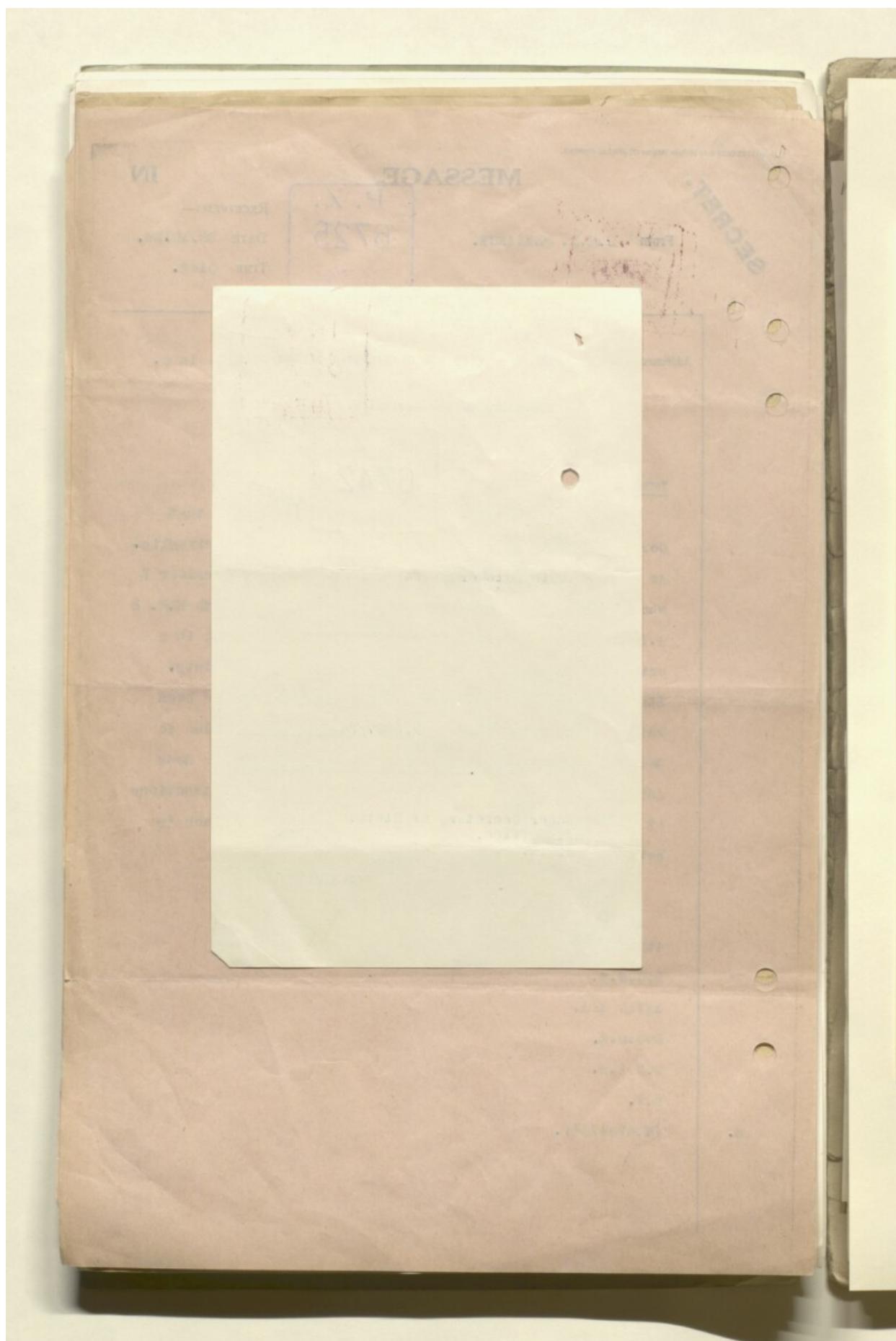
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H. (M.4704/34).









P. Z.  
6742  
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M. 5027/34

29th October,

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(b)

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 25th inst. (No. J. 2535/1942/66), I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that they have noted the proposed visit of the Italian Royal Yacht SAVOIA and the cruiser GORIZIA to Berbers, Mombassa and Zanzibar in November and to state that the Naval Authorities concerned have been informed.

Copies of this letter have been sent to the India Office, Colonial Office, War Office and Air Ministry.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. S. BARNES.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
S.W.1.

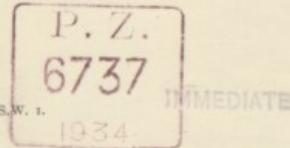




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"The Under-Secretary of State," Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1.



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transmits herewith copies of the under-mentioned paper.

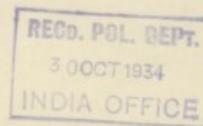
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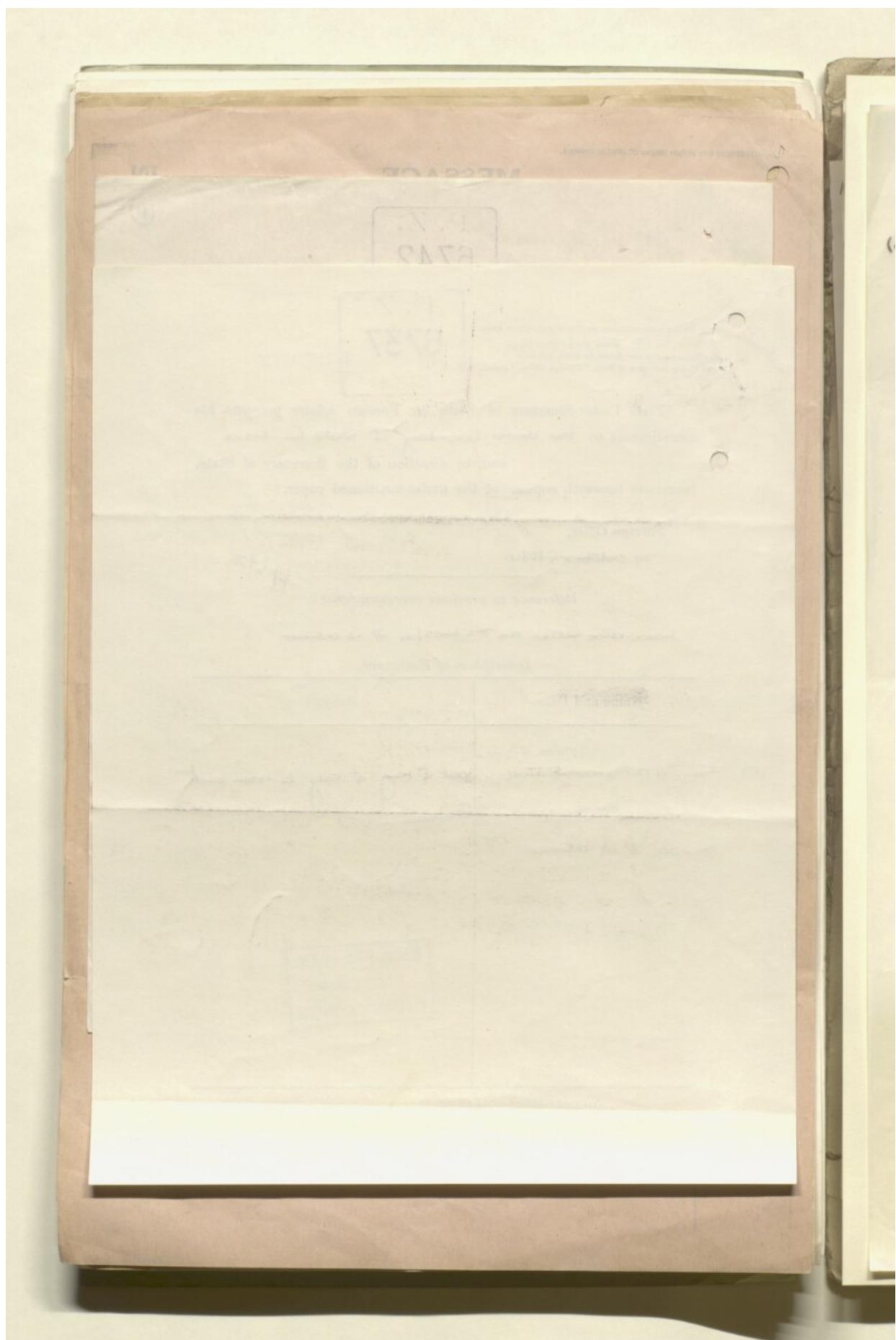
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Adm J.





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Decode. Sir E. Drummond (Rome).

29th October, 1934.

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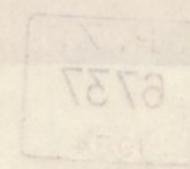
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IMMEDIATE.

Your telegram No. 340.

Master of Ceremonies has just informed me he has received telegram from the King's aide-de-camp that visit to Aden is strictly private and that Royal Standard will not be flown.

He states that he did not know whether position will be the same at Berbera where His Majesty intends to disembark.



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ADEN

... (now) the following were shown

each paper, 1904

ITALY

Each paper, 1904

and on the following day and evening

each paper, 1904



Draft Paper.

P.Z. 6699/34 Department.

(b4)

Add. to P.Z. 7-11 P.O. No. 2565.

Add. Ref. Aden. No. 2566.

Afternoon

Came Reilly telepath

whether Standard was in fact  
 not flown  $\odot$  and what  
 salutes were given  $\odot$  and  
 how visit passed off.

JL

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Mr. Warkton.  
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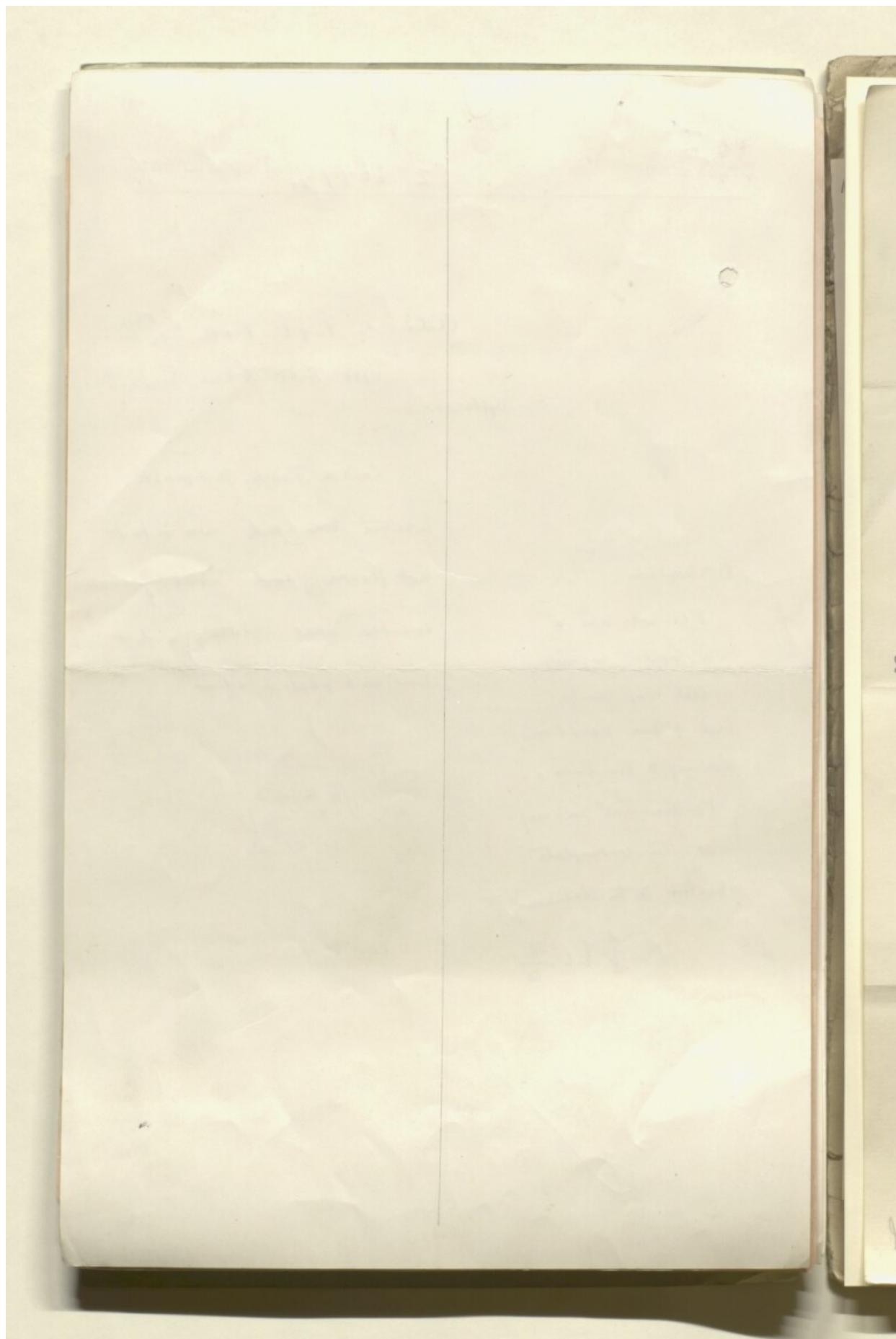
F.O. wd. like a  
 photographic enquiry  
 so that they can be  
 sure of their ground in  
 writing to the Palace.

I gather that in any  
 event they contemplate  
 a visit to the Italians!

L.T. 6 29.  
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My & F.O.  
AD  
AM 30 OCT 1934  
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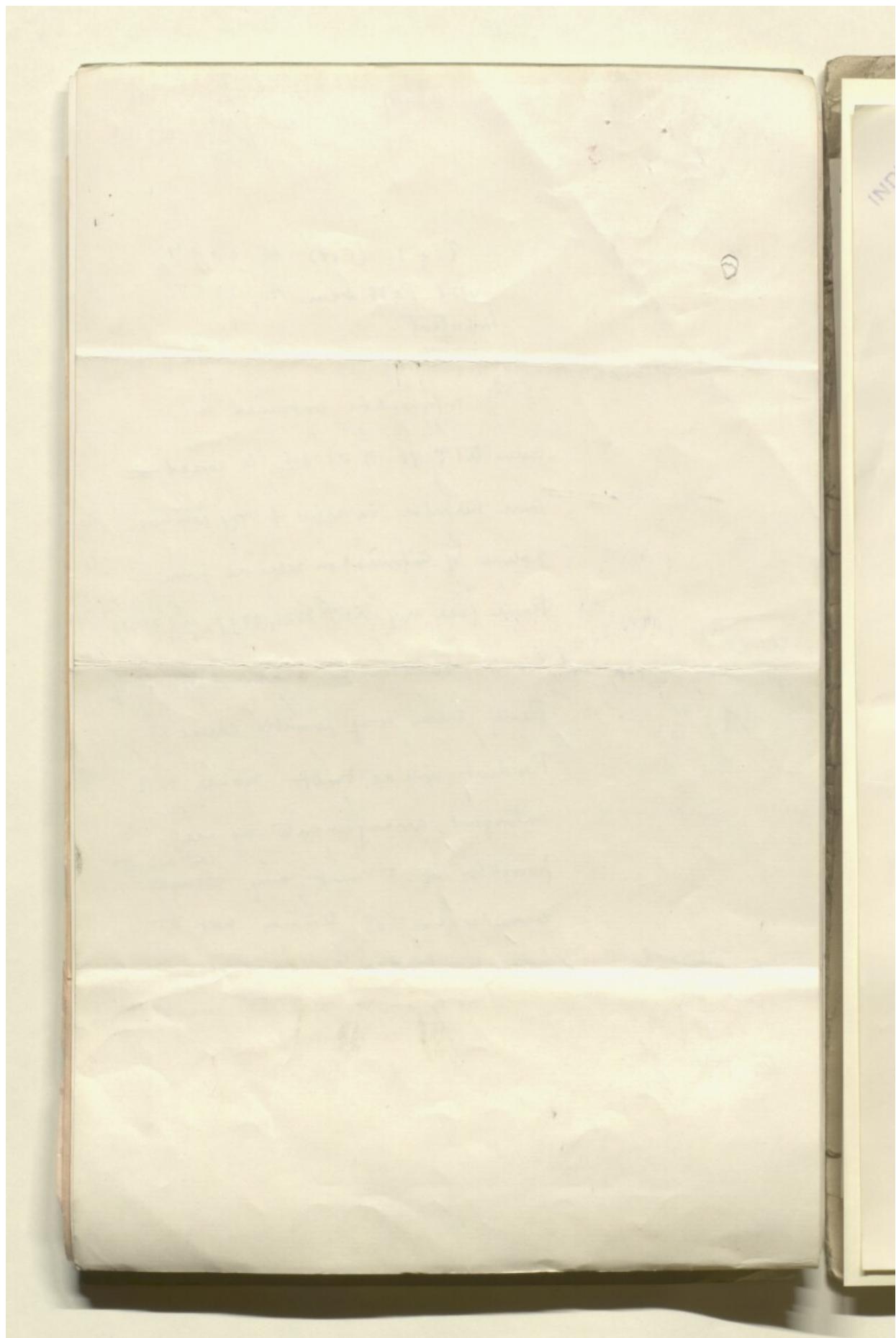
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Important.

Cypher XXX

2554 Information contained in  
Aden tele 91 of 27/04. is cause ~~for~~  
some surprise in view of very positive  
nature of information received from  
Rome (see my tele 2521, 2537, and 2541),  
but in circumstances action proposed by  
Reilly seems only possible course.  
Resident will no doubt make such  
contingent arrangements as are  
possible ~~to~~ to meet any <sup>last minute</sup> change  
consideration of decision not to  
hoist standard.

Two Telegrams  
sent 6.45 P.M.  
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(69 gts) T.L.  
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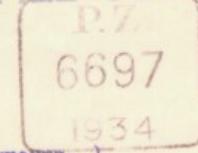
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5492.

DECYPHER OF TELEGRAM.

From Government of India, Foreign  
 and Political Department, to  
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 CIRCULATED) repeating telegram addressed to  
 Chief Commissioner.

Dated New Delhi, 27th October, 1934.

XXX

Received 3.40 p.m., 27th October, 1934.

pp. 644.

2103.

Addressed to Chief Commissioner, repeated to  
 Secretary of State for India.

Secretary of State's telegram of October 26th, 2538.

678.

King of Italy's visit to Aden.

2. Government of India agree in Foreign Office  
 suggestions, (?and will be) glad if you will take action  
 accordingly.

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 instructions for the reception of Royal personages.





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DECYPER OF TELEGRAM.

From Resident and Commander-in-Chief,  
 (COPIES Aden, to Foreign Secretary to  
 CIRCULATED) Government of India, Foreign and  
 Political Department, and repeated  
 by former to Secretary of State  
 for India.

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Dated Aden, 27th October, 1934.

Received 3 p.m., 27th October, 1934.

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6678. Addressed to Foreign and repeated to Secretary of State for India. Reference my telegram of the 25th instant and India Office telegram 2537. Italian Consul has received a telegram from King of Italy's yacht Savoia, confirming that King will not fly his Royal Standard. This is in reply to telegram in which Consul stated that, if Standard were not hoisted, royal salute and honours would not be accorded. It, therefore, appears clear to Consul and to me that King does not wish to receive these honours and Consul is telegraphing to Savoia that, in deference to the wishes of His Majesty, they will not be accorded. I have come to this decision in view of repeated categorical information conveyed through Italian Consul, and in accordance with discretion permitted to me in the last sentence of India Office telegram 2537.





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Answer

My unmed. folly? <sup>happily</sup> to m<sup>o</sup> certain test

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If King does not disembark he will be received with grand salute.

with consular and naval honours only. The Resident will no doubt have a word to say.

I honour standing by in case H. M.

decides to land. We greatly regret

inconvenience caused to Reilly by

uncertainties ~~as to King of Italy~~

waterworks .

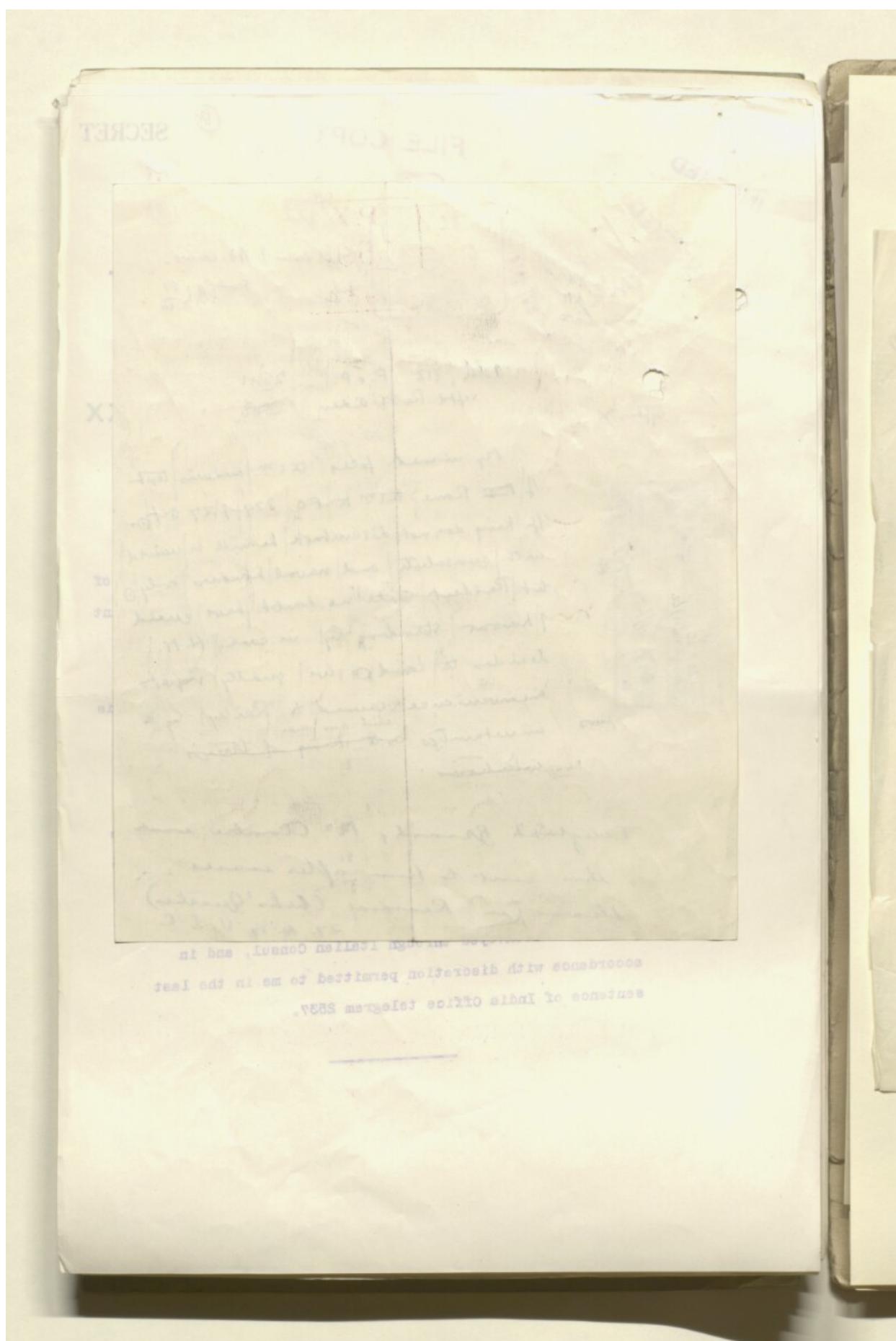
Telegraph Branch, 11<sup>th</sup> Clunie wants

thus sent to him after issue

Message (in Resident Clerks' Quarters)

Please (in Resident cases) 27. 10. 24 V. S C

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Telephone (no. 212) 200-1130 a.m. Sat. Oct. 25, 1952.

Mr. Maffinger/Deporter 2009/Leisureline Nte to Italy's  
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The King of Libya has issued a decree to disband

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*John Thomas*  
Ref'd to Aden & Regd  
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Important

Adm 9-1 2537  
44th Recd. Aden 2538

In view of 25 Oct. 25210 following  
supplementary information from Rome  
to further enquiries by P.O. have  
been in touch with Italian Royal  
Solemnity of Aden tele. of 25 Oct.  
to been communicated by Embassy to  
competent Palace official who  
repeated that visit was a private  
one but that King invariably flew  
his standard when travelling in  
his yacht and that he believed such  
cd. not cause be certain that  
Italian consul had been misinformed.  
Matter has now been explained to  
Italian F.O. who have promised to  
instruct Consul accordingly. Embassy  
believe position wd. be met  
certainly so far as Italian wishes  
are concerned. As for King was greeted  
with appropriate gun salute but  
was spared unnecessary ceremonies  
on shore, for H.M. certain wishes the  
visit to be of a private character.  
F.O. suggest in these circumstances

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Let King be greeted on arrival with appropriate salute, on first landing with guard of honour & any ~~receiving~~ <sup>but</sup> ~~h~~ the other ceremonial arrangements being made ~~of~~

hospitability which H.M. may offer his willingness to accept. Resident will of course place himself at their disposal throughout <sup>70. suggestion</sup>

See no objection to <sup>70. suggestion</sup> this subject to any arrangement that may have been <sup>been</sup> agreed <sup>King of Italy</sup> ~~in~~ between <sup>King of Italy</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>King of Italy</sup> ~~through~~ Flaherty <sup>King of Italy</sup> ~~through~~ Cawse <sup>King of Italy</sup> ~~through~~



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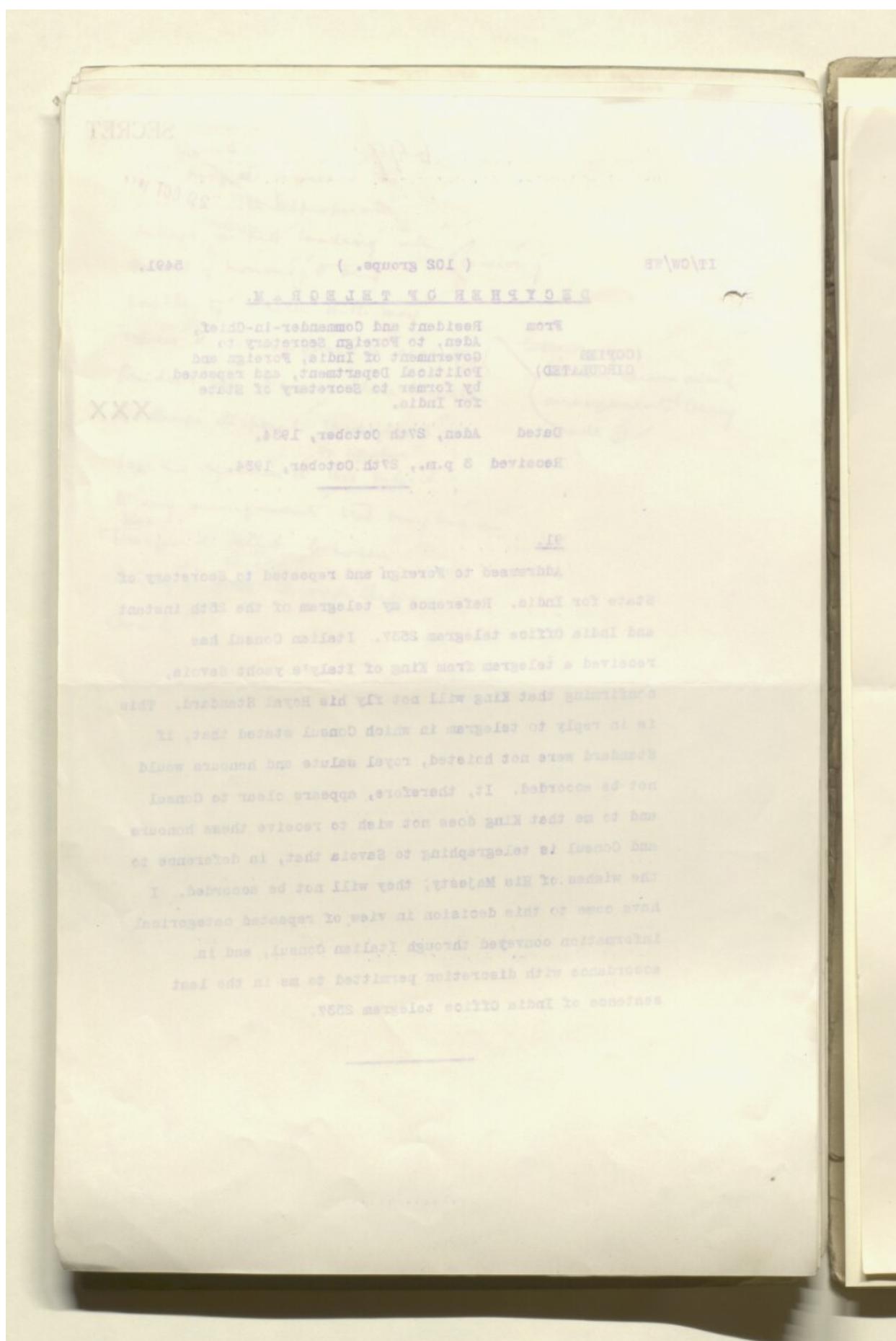
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DECYPHER OF TELEGRAM.

From Government of India, Foreign and Political Department, to  
(COPIES Secretary of State for India,  
CIRCULATED) repeating telegram addressed to  
Chief Commissioner.

Dated New Delhi, 27th October, 1934.

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Received 3.40 p.m., 27th October, 1934.

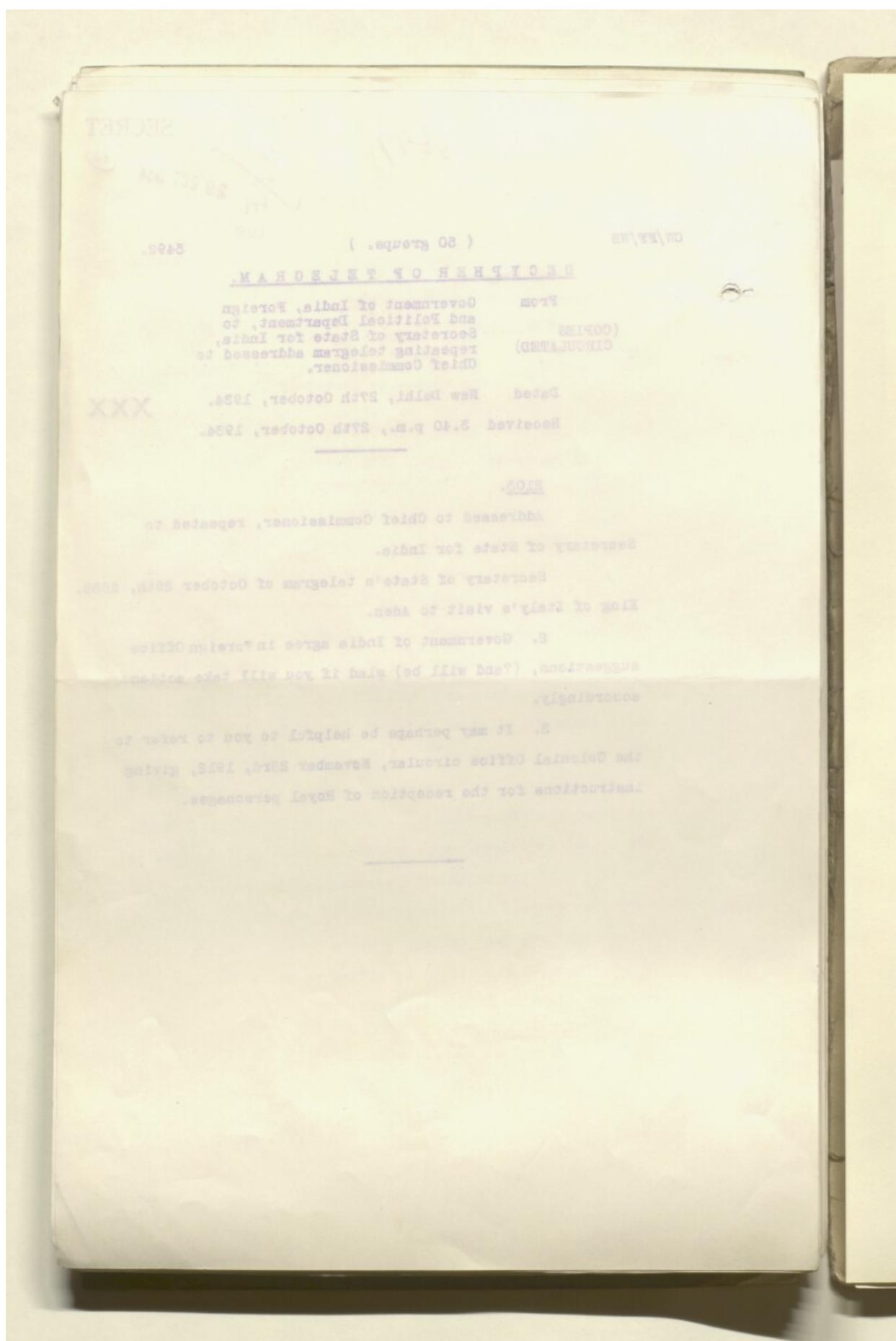
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Addressed to Chief Commissioner, repeated to  
Secretary of State for India.

Secretary of State's telegram of October 26th, 2538.  
King of Italy's visit to Aden.

2. Government of India agree in Foreign Office suggestions, (?and will be) glad if you will take action accordingly.

3. It may perhaps be helpful to you to refer to the Colonial Office circular, November 23rd, 1912, giving instructions for the reception of Royal personages.





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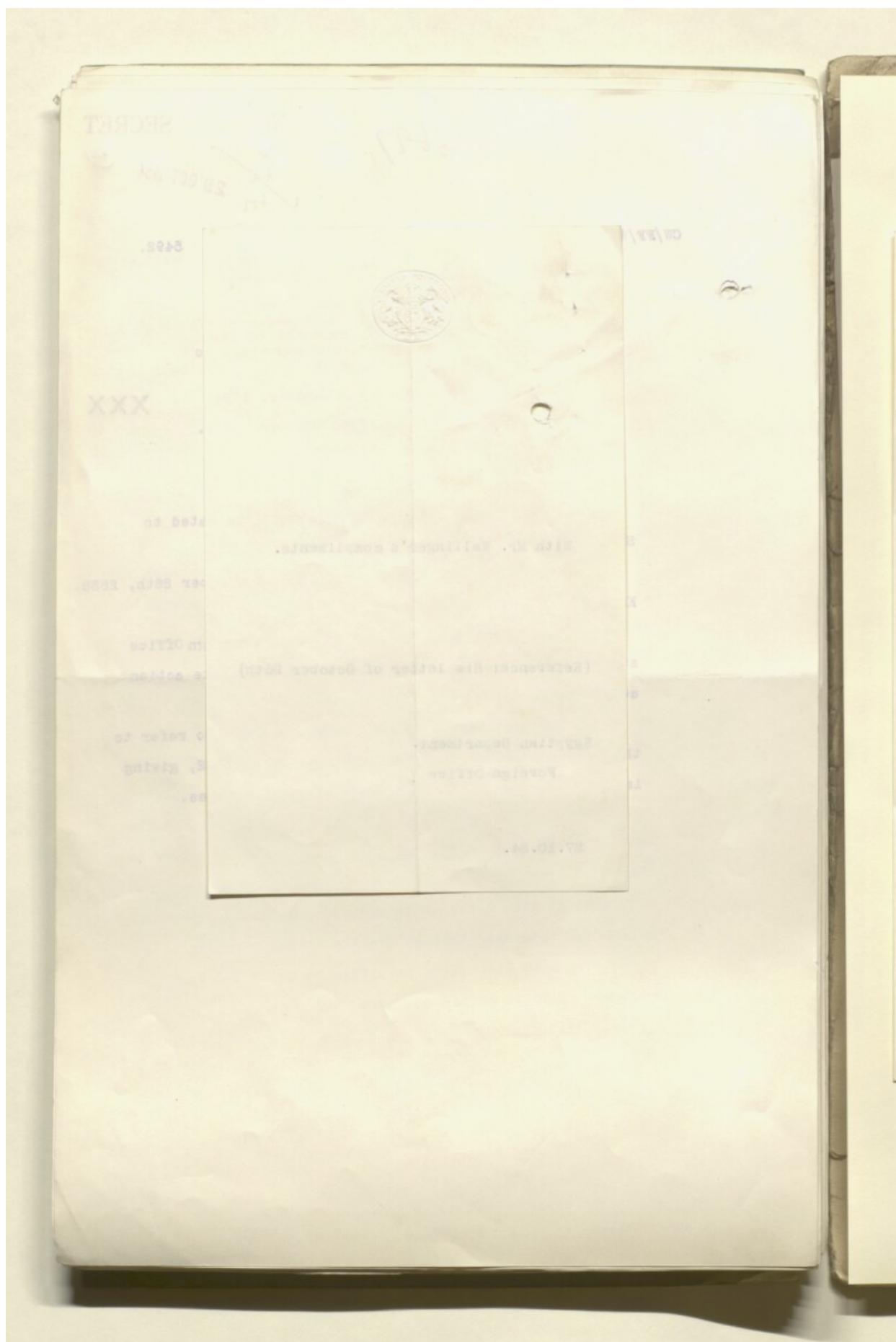
With Mr. Wallinger's compliments.

(Reference: His letter of October 26th)

Egyptian Department.

Foreign Office

27.10.34.





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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.,  
26th October, 1934.

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Dear Laithwaite,

In confirmation of our telephone conversation this afternoon, the following is the text of the message which was dictated to me by the Embassy at Rome this evening:

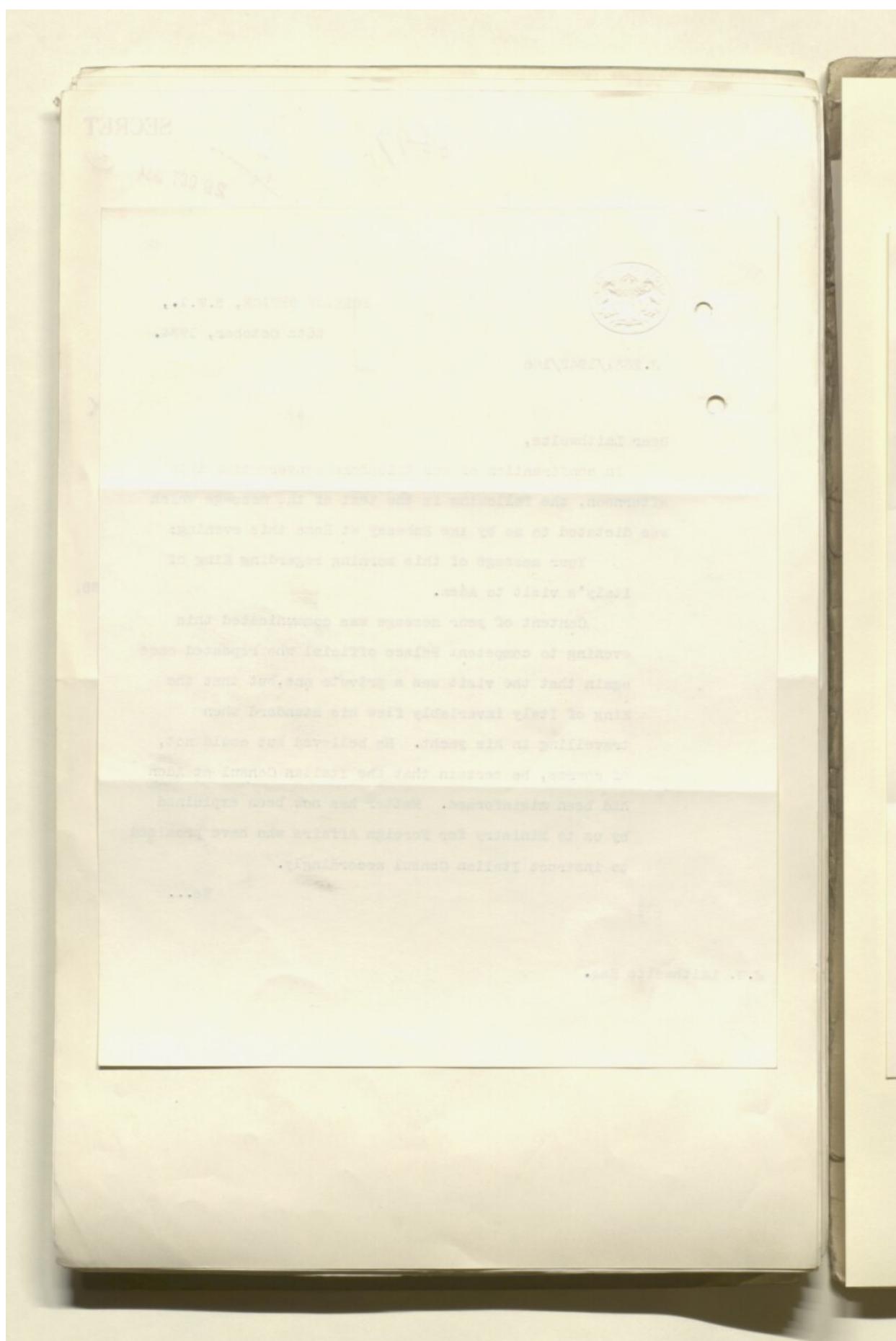
Your message of this morning regarding King of Italy's visit to Aden.

Content of your message was communicated this evening to competent Palace official who repeated once again that the visit was a private one, but that the King of Italy invariably flew his Standard when travelling in his yacht. He believed but could not, of course, be certain that the Italian Consul at Aden had been misinformed. Matter has now been explained by us to Ministry for Foreign Affairs who have promised to instruct Italian Consul accordingly.

We...

J.G. Laithwaite Esq.

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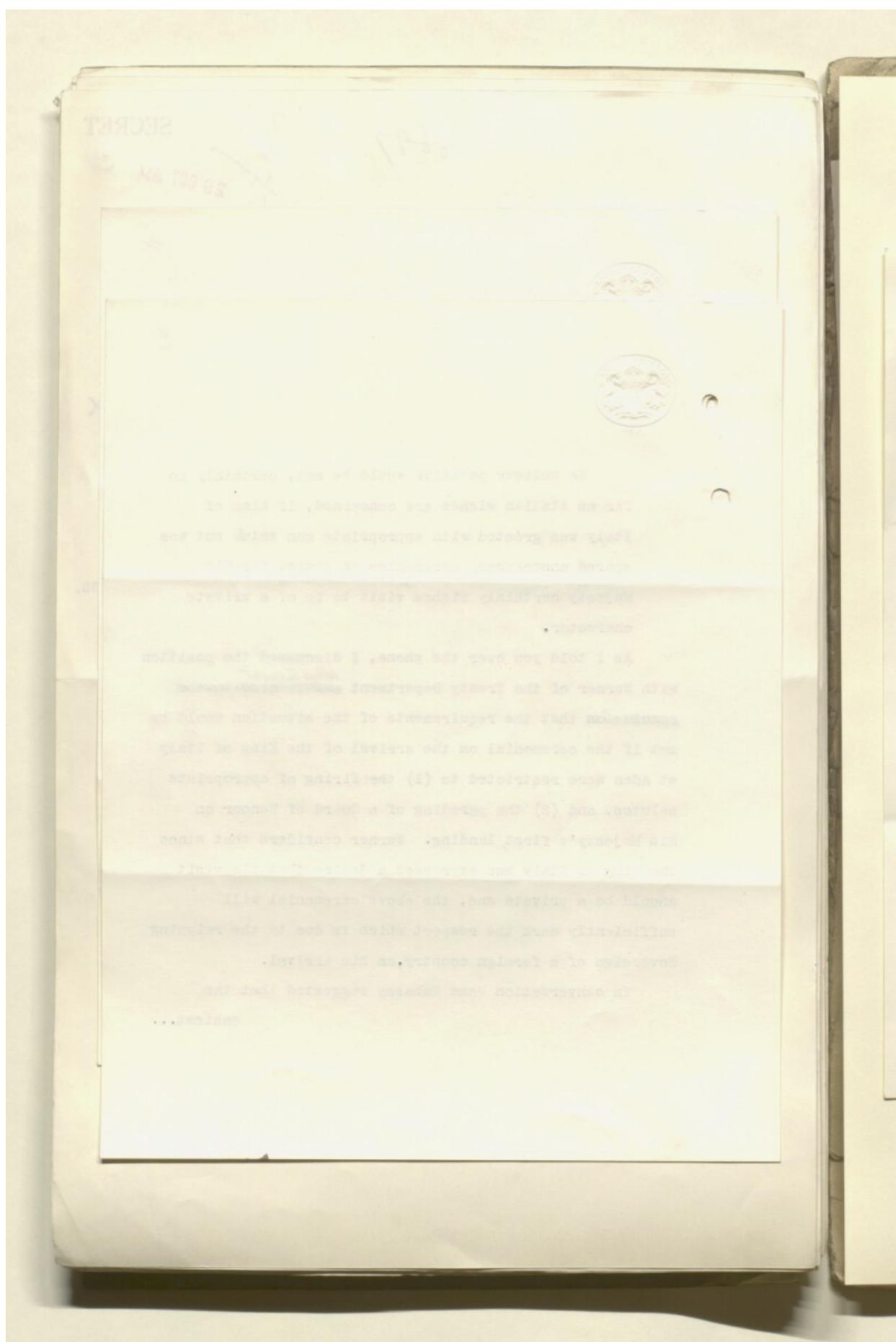


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We believe position would be met, certainly so far as Italian wishes are concerned, if King of Italy was greeted with appropriate gun salute but was spared unnecessary ceremonies on shore, for His Majesty certainly wishes visit to be of a private character.

As I told you over the phone, I discussed the position with Warner of the Treaty Department ~~who thought arrangements to the satisfaction~~ that the requirements of the situation would be met if the ceremonial on the arrival of the King of Italy at Aden were restricted to (1) the firing of appropriate salutes, and (2) the parading of a Guard of Honour on His Majesty's first landing. Warner considers that since the King of Italy has expressed a desire that his visit should be a private one, the above ceremonial will sufficiently mark the respect which is due to the reigning Sovereign of a foreign country, on his arrival.

In conversation Rome Embassy suggested that the easiest...





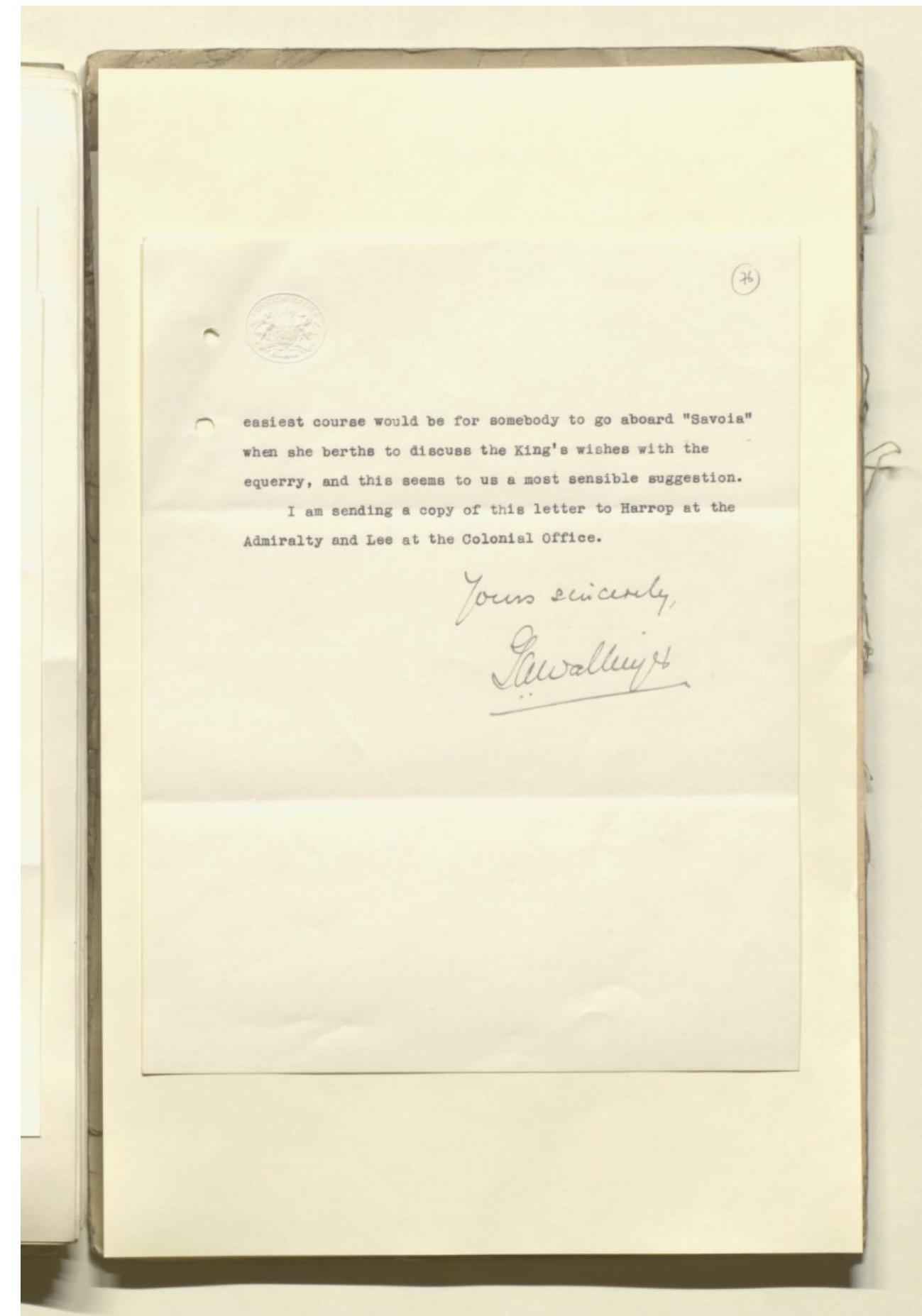
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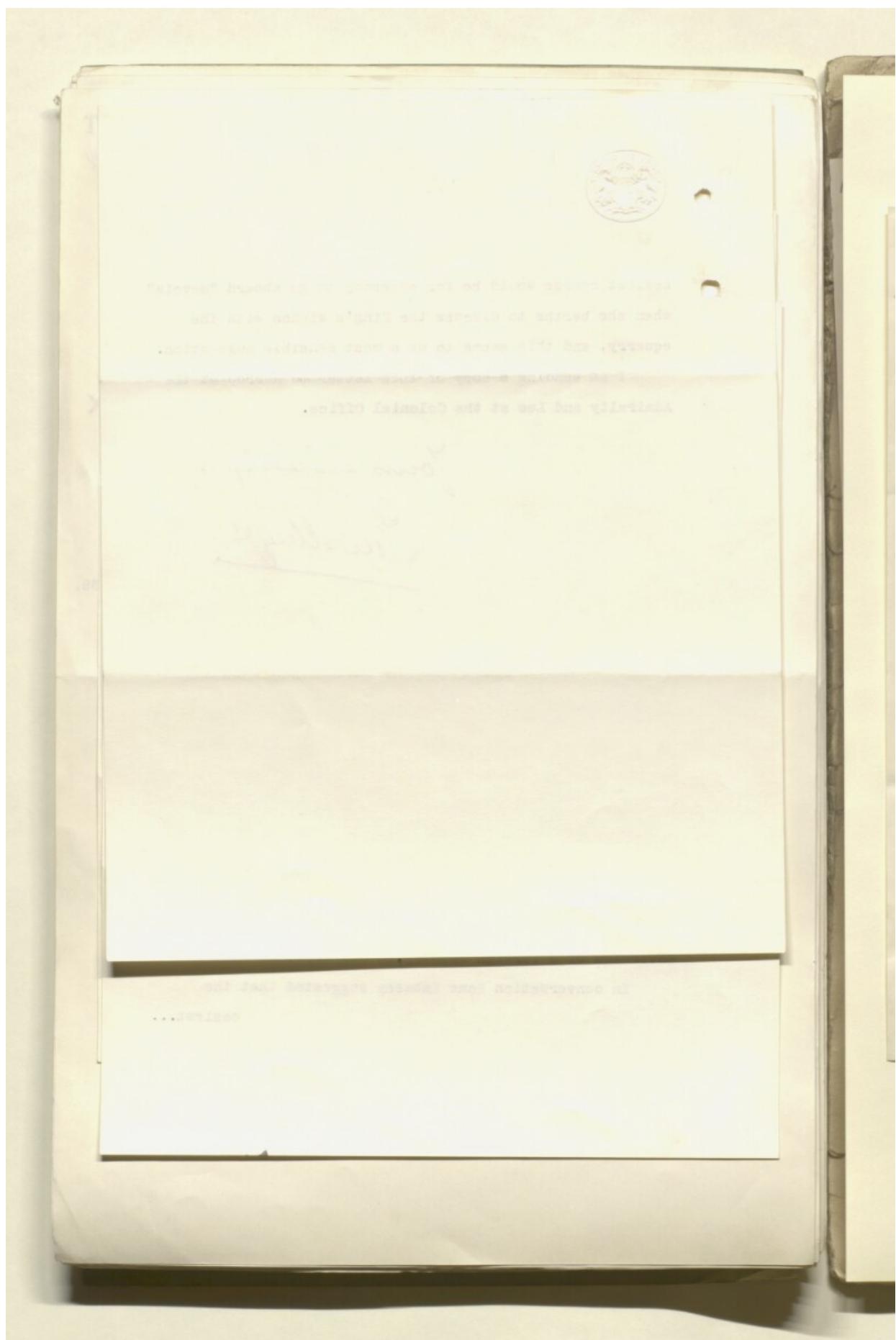
the easiest course would be for somebody to go aboard "Savoia" when she berths to discuss the King's wishes with the equerry, and this seems to us a most sensible suggestion.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Harrop at the Admiralty and Lee at the Colonial Office.

Yours sincerely,

*G. Waller J.*







Any further communication  
should be addressed to—  
The Secretary of the Admiralty,  
London, S.W.1  
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25th October 1934

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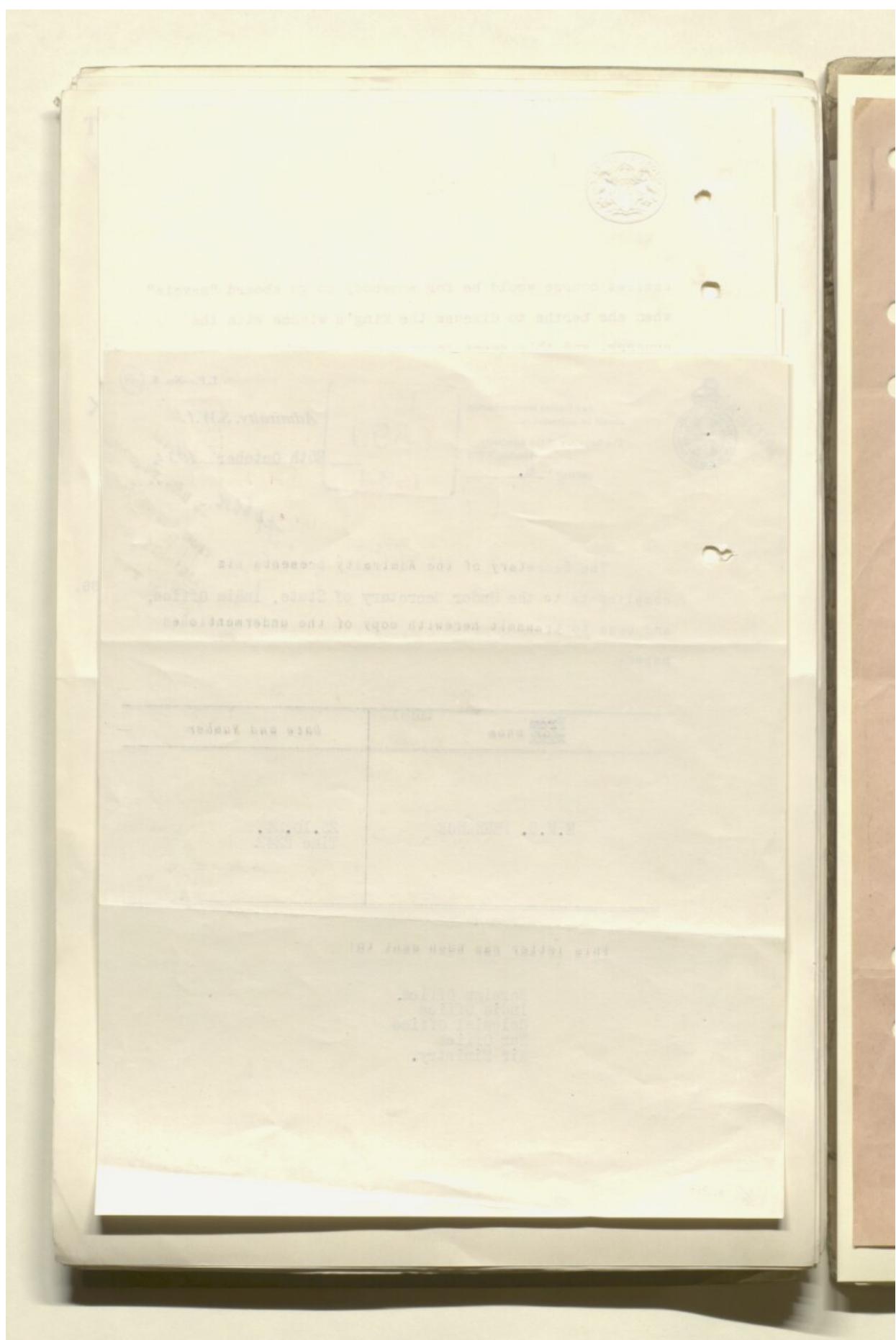
The Secretary of the Admiralty presents his  
compliments to the Under Secretary of State, India Office,  
and begs to transmit herewith copy of the undermentioned  
paper.

From whom	Date and Number
H.M.S. PENZANCE	25.10.34. Time 2242.

This letter has been sent to:

Foreign Office.  
India Office  
Colonial Office  
War Office  
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## MESSAGE.

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From H.M.S. FRANCIS.

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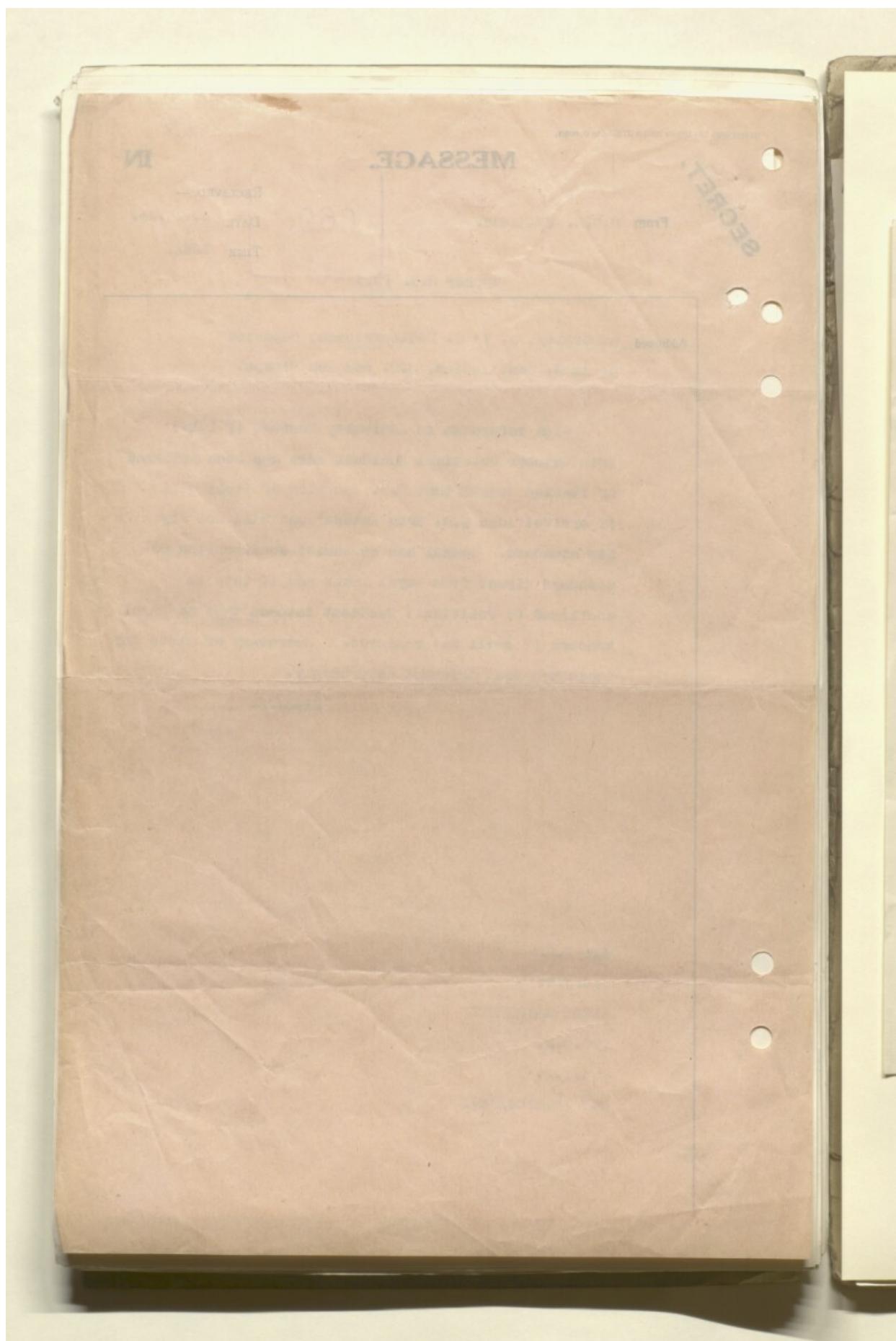
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Addressed Admiralty, C. in C. Mediterranean, repeated  
C. in C. East Indies, R.C. Red Sea Sloops.

With reference to Admiralty Message (7.1416)  
20th October Political Resident Aden has been informed  
by Italian Consul that H.M. The King of Italy will  
(? arrive) Aden p.m. 25th October and will not fly  
his standard. Consul has requested confirmation re  
standard direct from Royal Yacht and if this is  
confirmed (? Political) Resident intends that no Royal  
honours (? shall be) rendered. Secretary of State for  
India has been informed accordingly.

2102/25.

4th S.L.  
D.G.H.S.  
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Admiralty, S.W.1.

India (AM)

26th October 1934.

Mr L

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The Secretary of the Admiralty presents his  
compliments to The Secretary of State for India in Council,  
and begs to transmit herewith copy of the undermentioned  
paper.

From	For whom	Date and Number
Admiralty to:	C-in-C., Mediterranean 936 C-in-C., East Indies.136 Senior Officer, Red Sea Sloops. Commanding Officer, H.M.S. PENZANCE.	1542/25

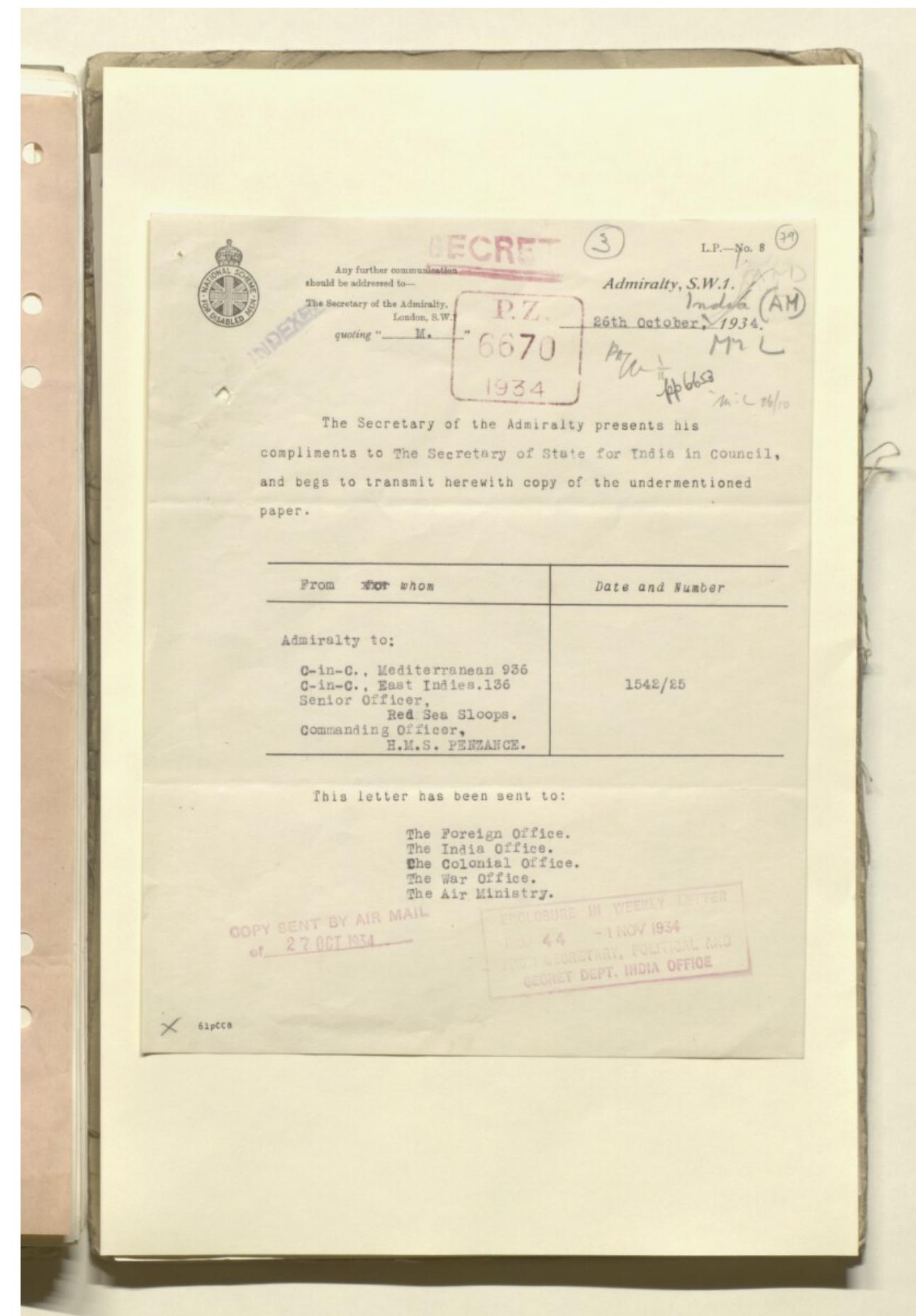
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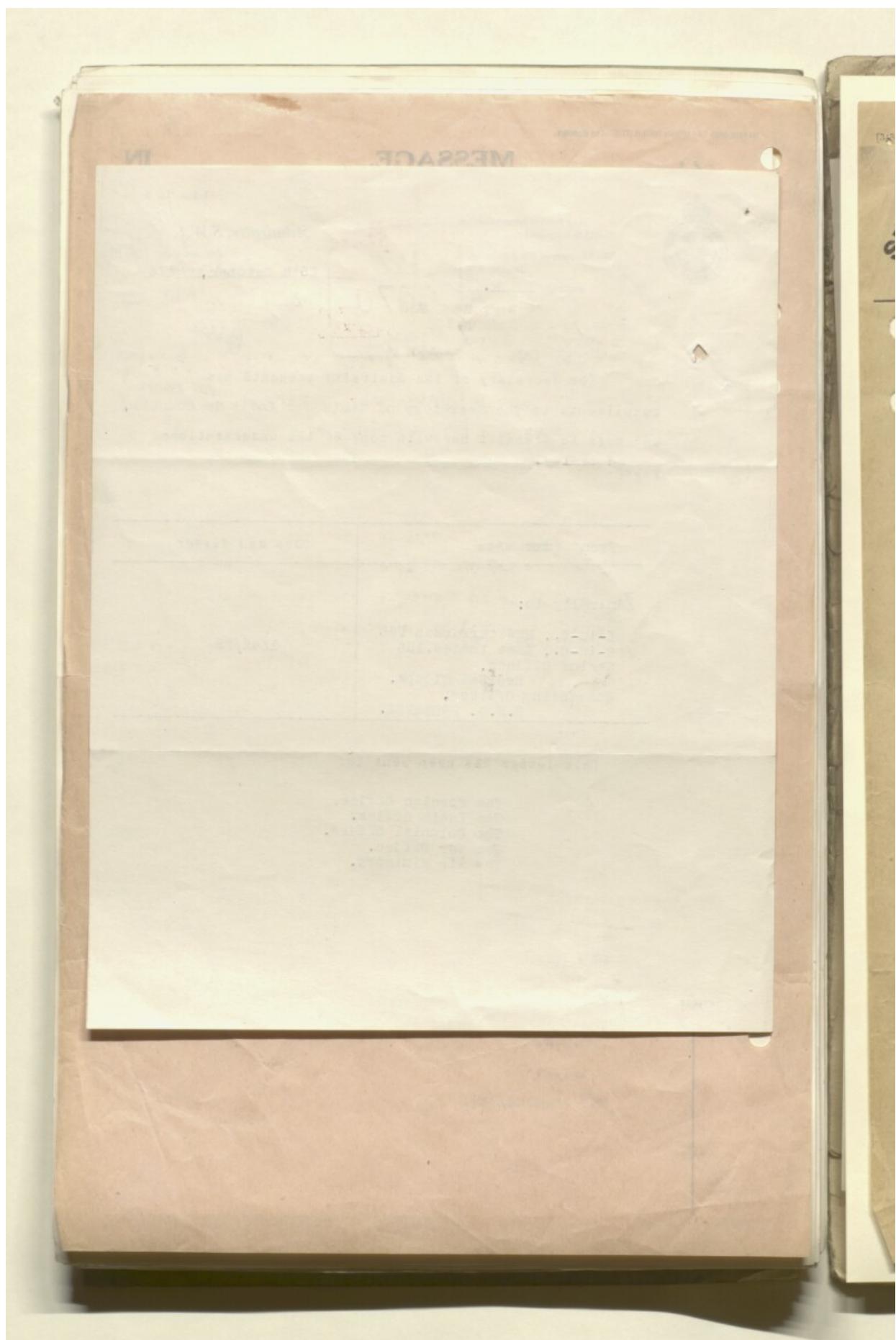
The Foreign Office.  
The India Office.  
The Colonial Office.  
The War Office.  
The Air Ministry.

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of 27 OCT 1934

ENCLOSURE IN WEEKLY LETTER  
NO. 44 - 1 NOV 1934  
THE SECRETARY, POLITICAL AND  
SECRET DEPT. INDIA OFFICE

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## TELEGRAM.

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OUT

From ADMIRALTY.

To C-in-C. Mediterranean 936  
 C-in-C. East Indies, 136  
 S.O. Red Sea Sloops  
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 East Indies S.O. Red Sea Sloops, C.O. PENZANCE from  
 Admiralty.

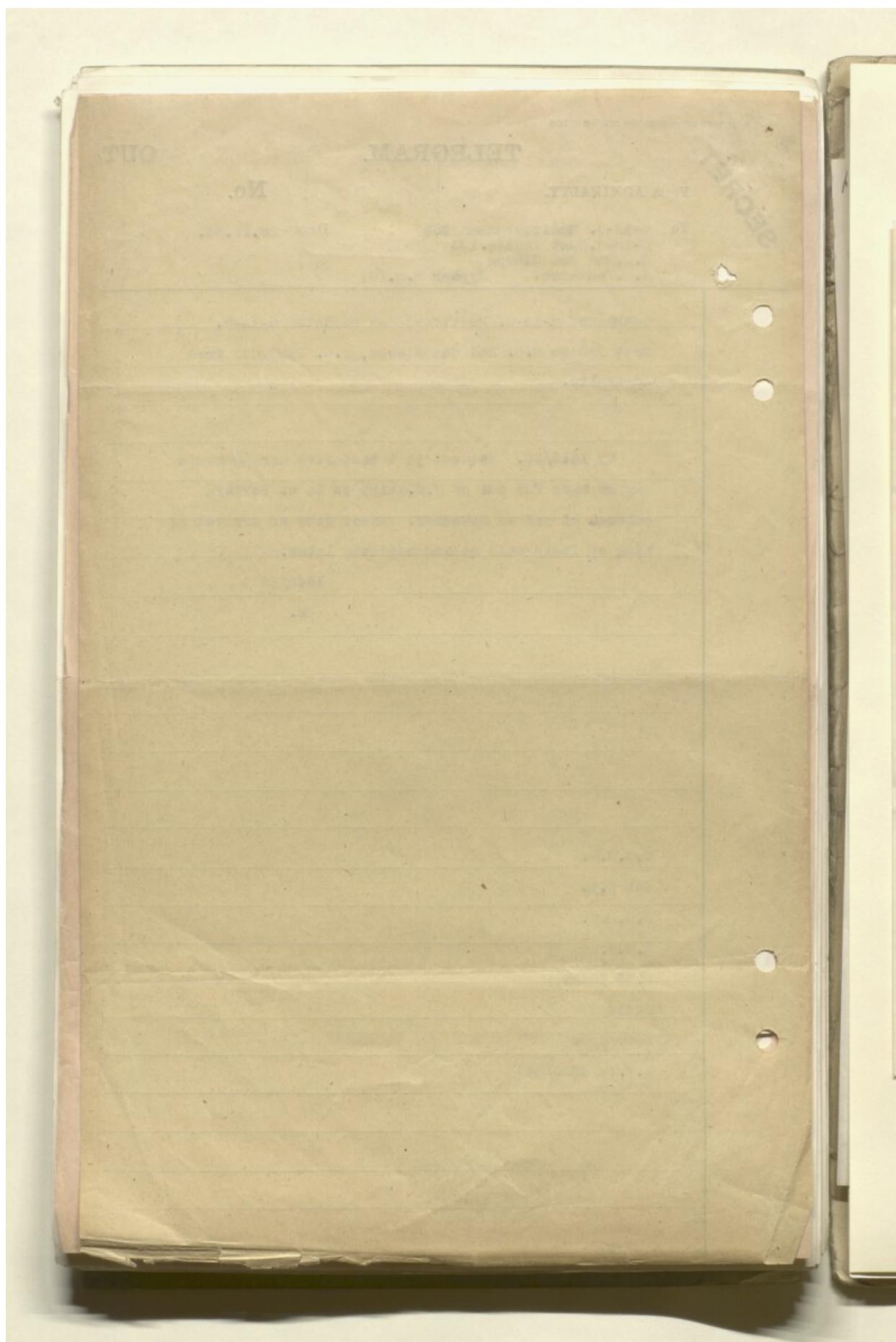
My 1416/20. Request that tentative arrangements  
 may be made for one of H.M.ships to be at Berbera  
 between 21 and 25 November. Exact date of arrival of  
 King of Italy will be communicated later.

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D.G.H.S.  
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The Secretary of the Admiralty presents his  
compliments to the Under Secretary of State, India Office,  
and begs to transmit herewith copy of the undermentioned  
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FROM XXX whom	Date and Number
H.M.S. PENHANCE.	1657/21.

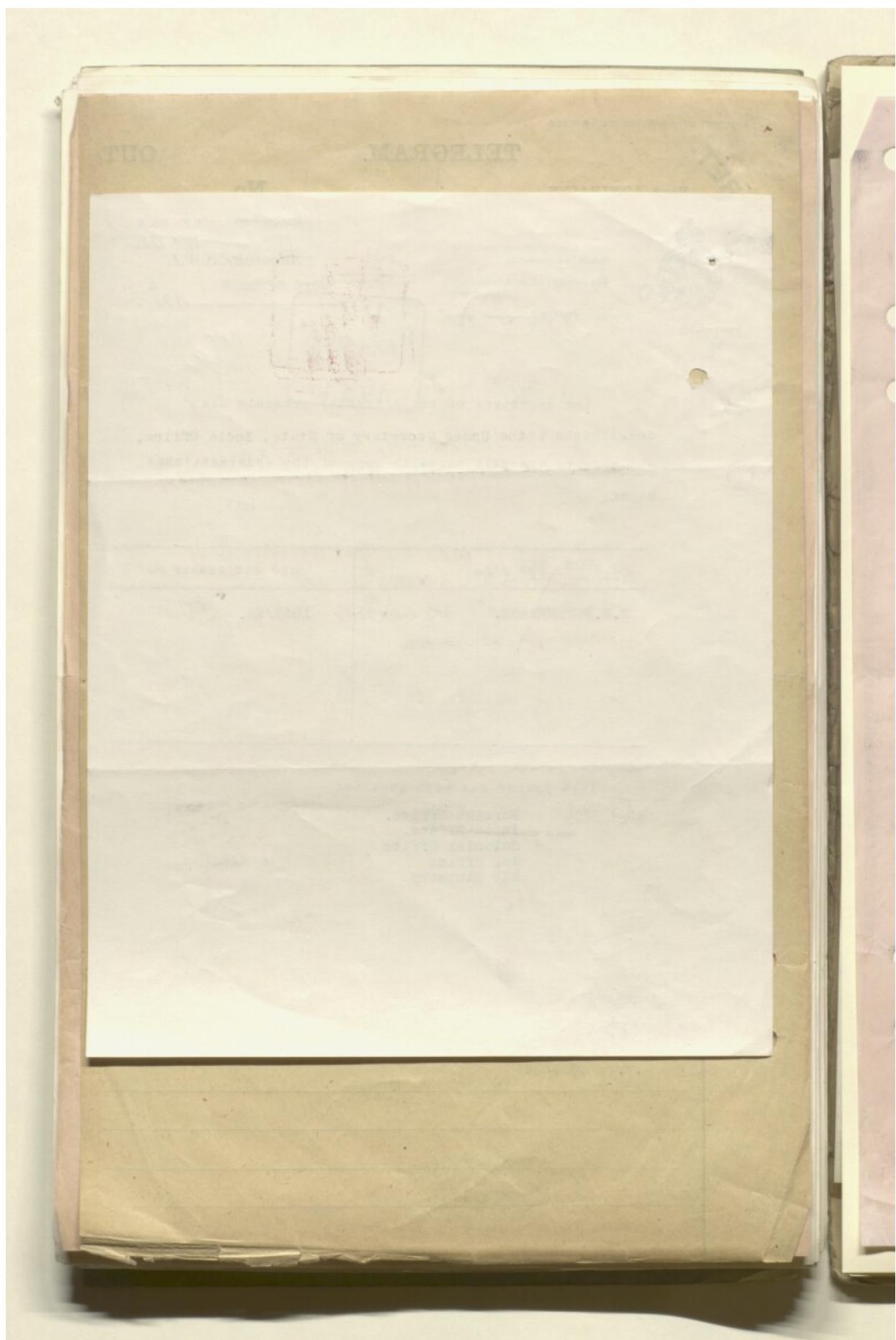
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No. 43 25 OCT 1934  
FROM SECRETARY, POLITICAL AND  
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India Office.  
Colonial Office  
War Office  
Air Ministry

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24 OCT 1934  
INDIA OFFICE

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## MESSAGE.

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IN

From H.M.S. PENZANCE.

RECEIVED:—

DATE 21.10.34.  
1616

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CYPHR G.C.(G)

Addressed C-in-C. Mediterranean, Admiralty, repeated

C-in-C. East Indies, S.C. Red Sea Sloops from H.M.S.  
PENZANCE.

In order to comply with Admiralty message 1416  
20th October H.M.S. PENZANCE will omit visit to Balhaf  
and will return to Aden a.m. 25th October. Chief  
Commissioner Aden concurs.

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was undecypherable as originally received.

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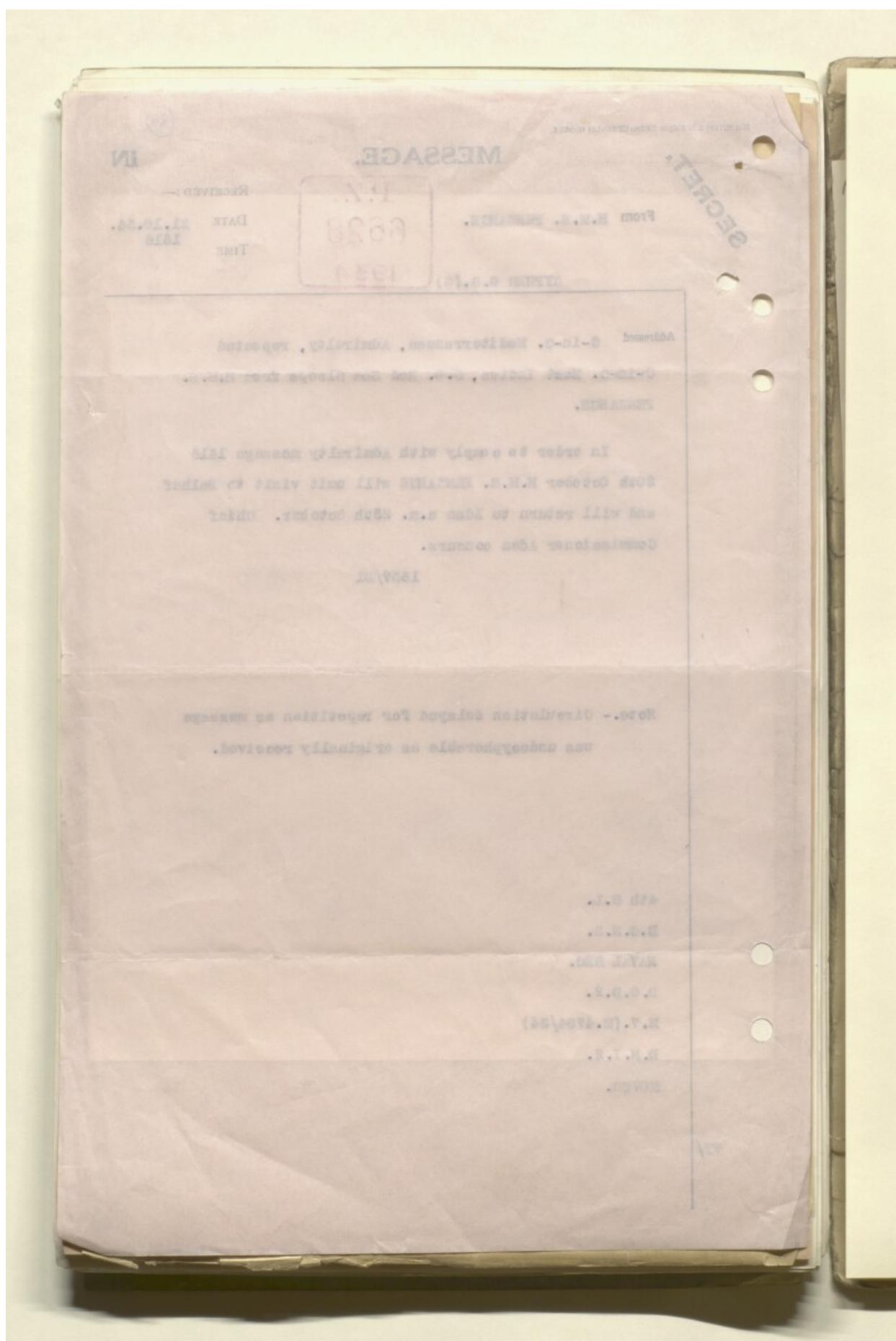
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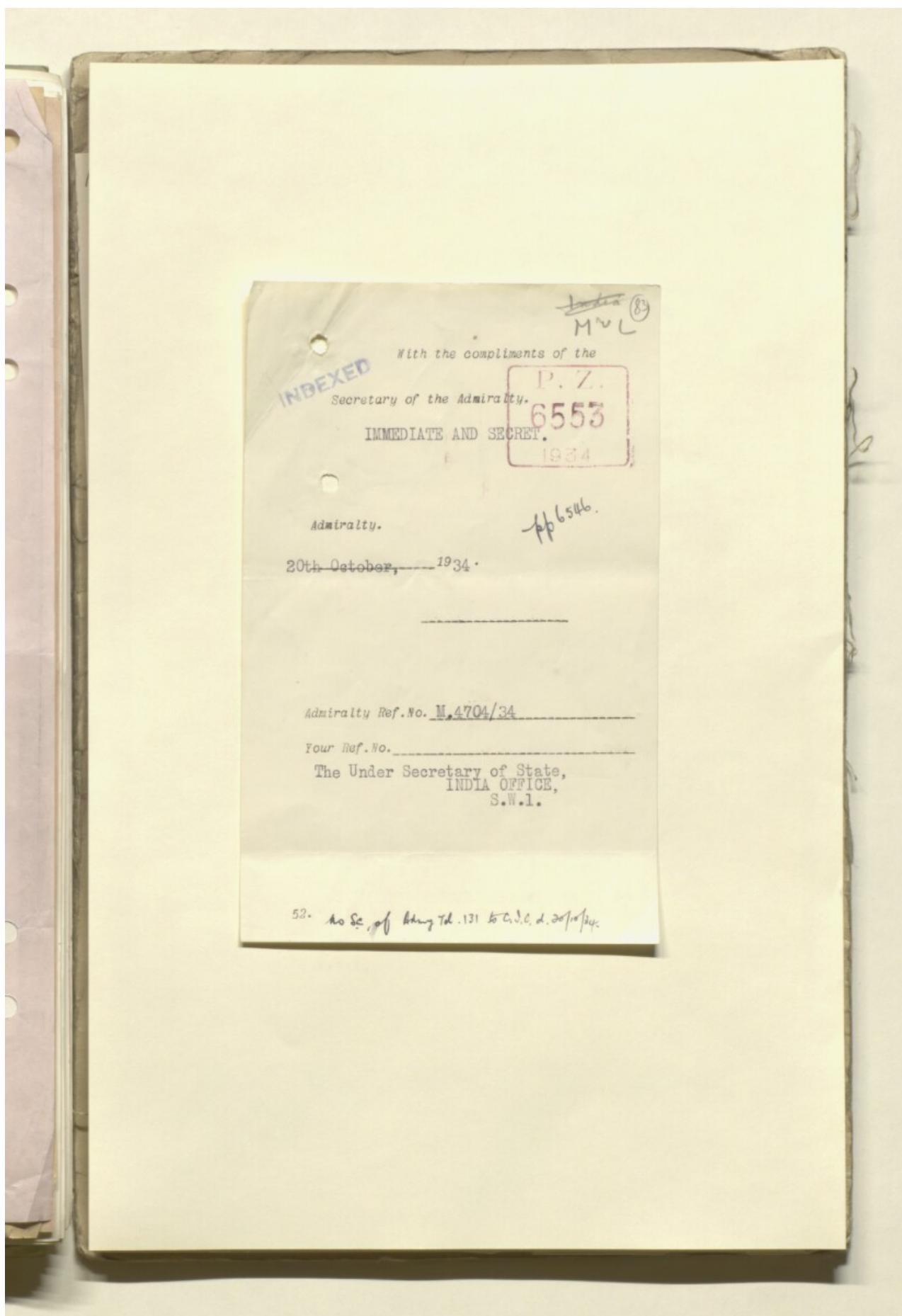
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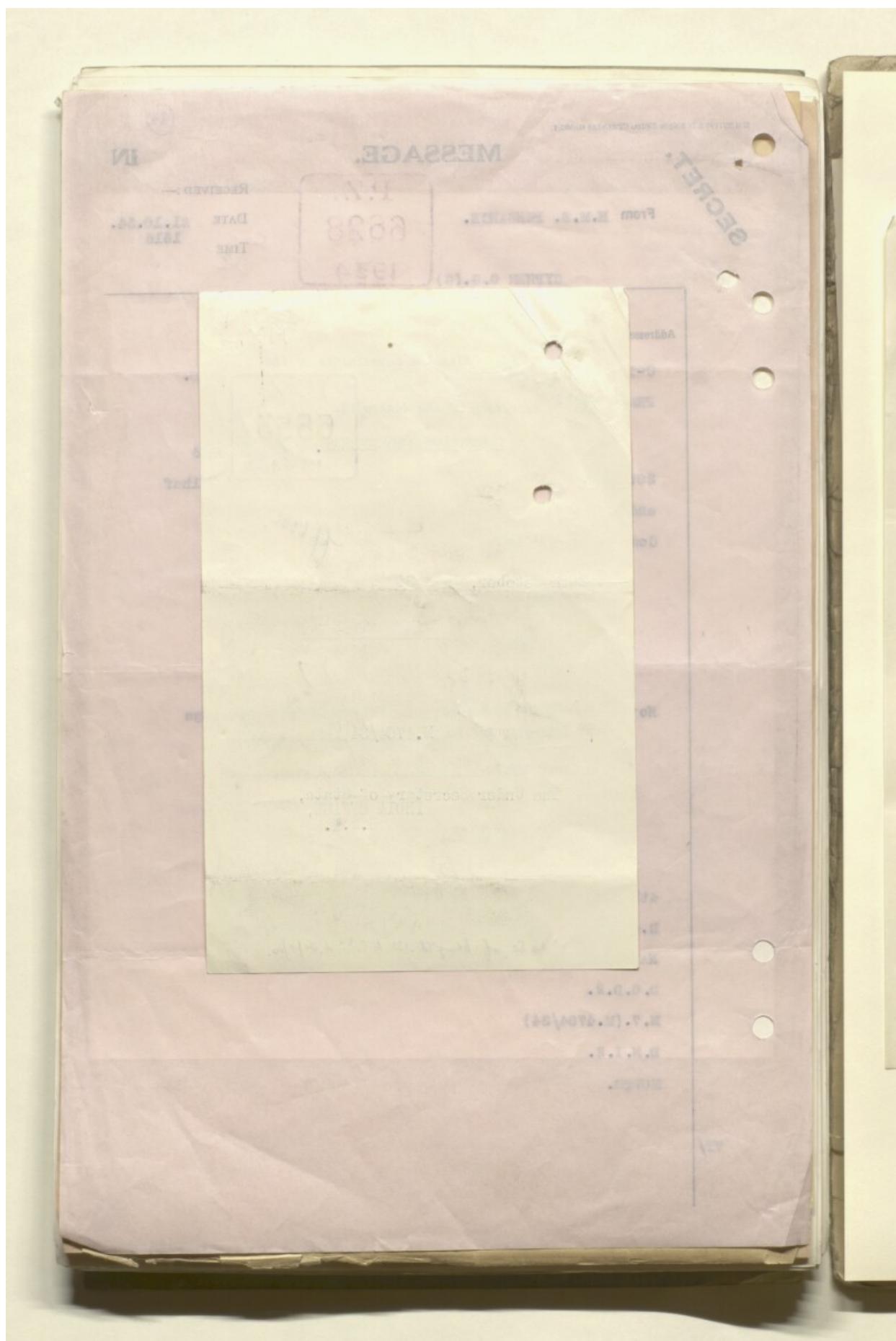
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IMMEDIATE AND SECRET.

Sir,

With reference to your letters of the 5th and 18th instant (No. J.2341 and 2478/1942/66), I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that they have noted the proposed visit of the Italian Royal Yacht SAVOIA, with the King of Italy on Board and the Italian Cruiser GORIZIA to Aden from the 28th to 30th October and Berbera on the 22nd November and to state that the Naval Authorities concerned have been informed as in the enclosed telegrams.

Copies of this letter and copies of the telegrams have been sent to the Colonial Office, India Office, War Office and Air Ministry.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Under Secretary of State,

FOREIGN OFFICE,

J. S. BARNES,

S.W.1.

DMT.





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MESSAGE.

From C-in-C, Mediterranean.

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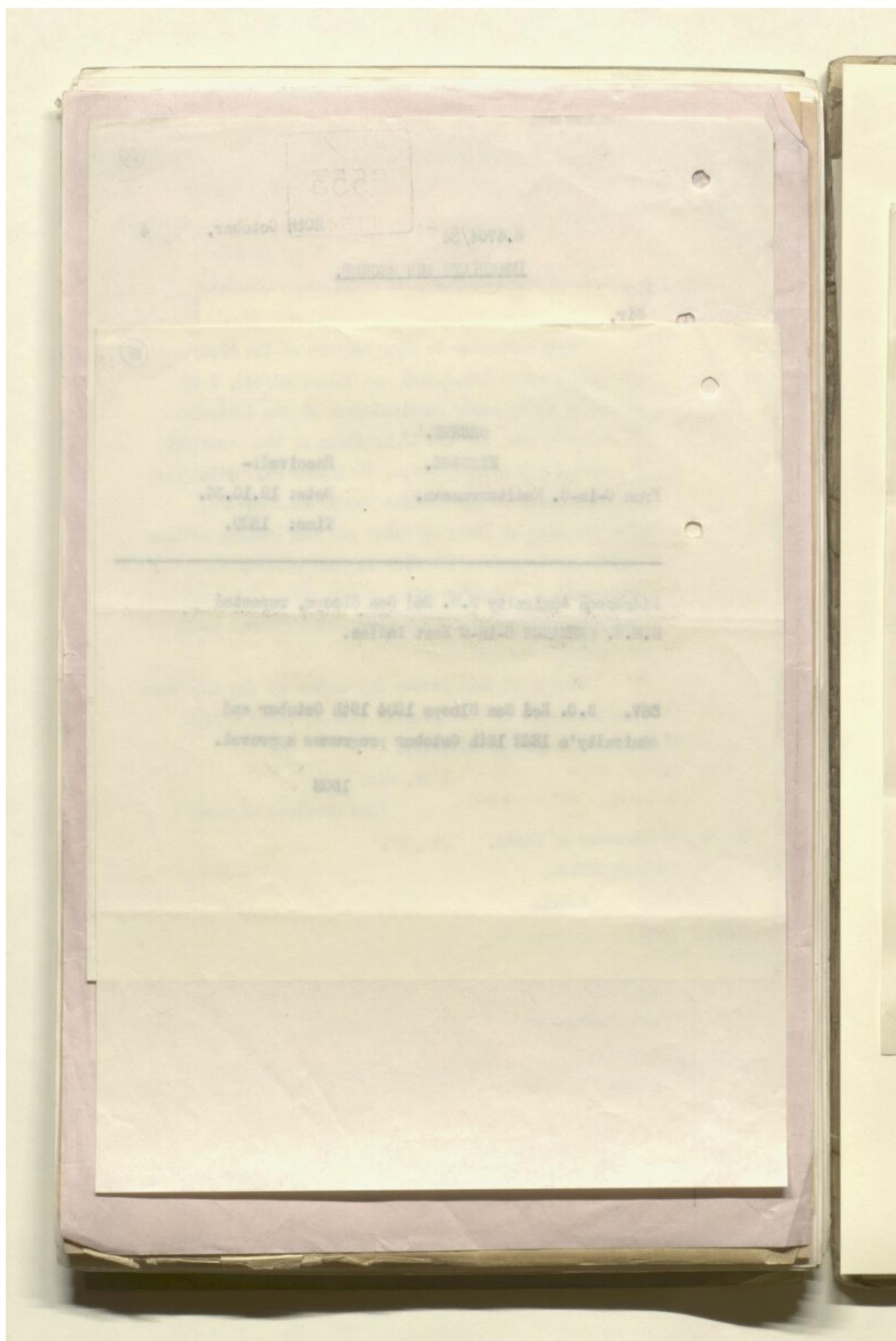
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Addressed Admiralty S.O. Red Sea Sloops, repeated  
H.M.S. FERNANCE C-in-C East Indies.

867. S.O. Red Sea Sloops 1034 19th October and  
Admiralty's 1222 18th October programme approved.

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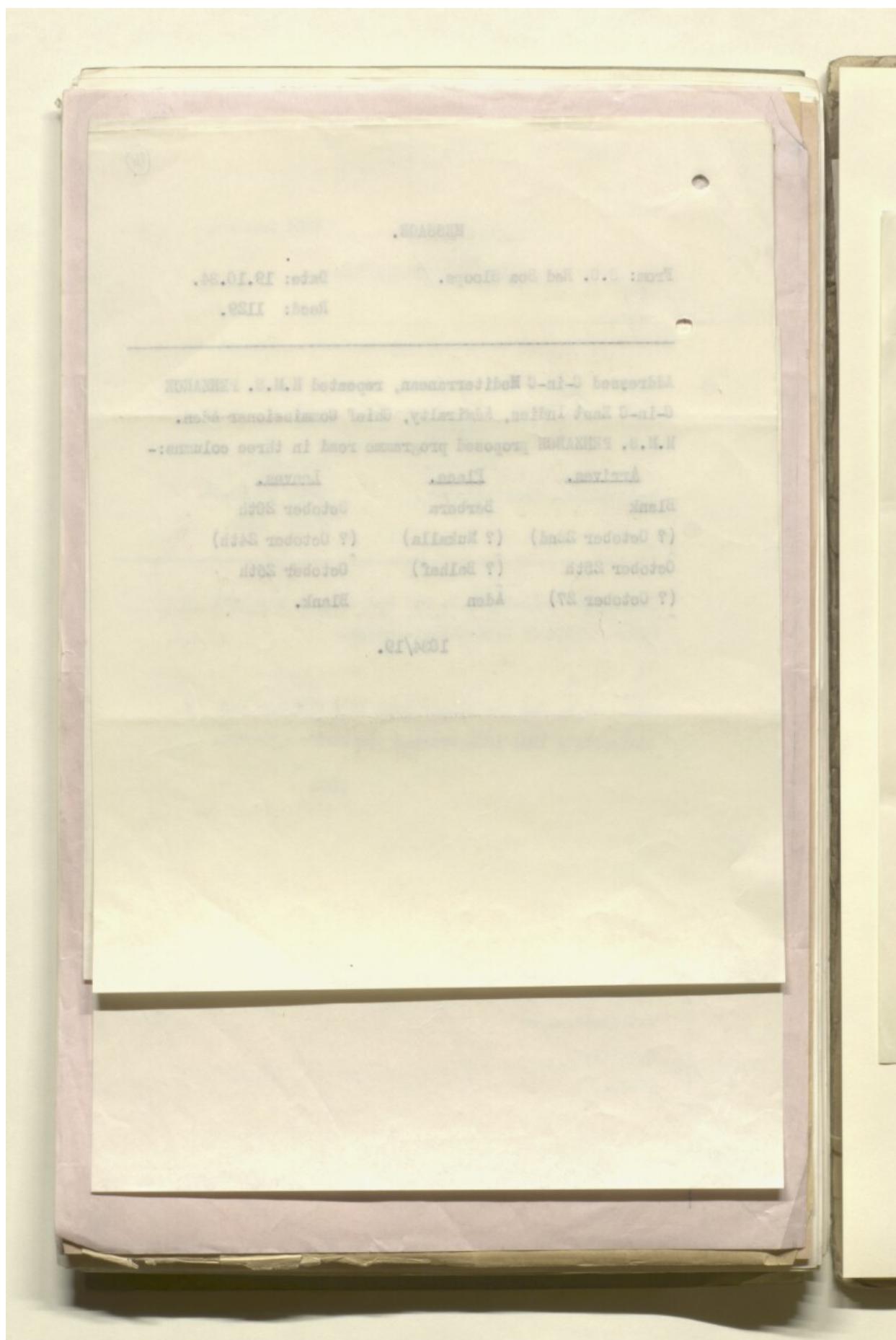
## MESSAGE.

From: S.O. Red Sea Sloops. Date: 19.10.34.  
Reed: 1129.

Addressed C-in-C Mediterranean, repeated H.M.S. PENZANCE  
C-in-C East Indies, Admiralty, Chief Commissioner Aden.  
H.M.S. PENZANCE proposed programme read in three columns:-

<u>Arrives.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leaves.</u>
Blank	Berbera	October 20th
(? October 22nd)	(? Mukalla)	(? October 24th)
October 25th	(? Balhaf)	October 26th
(? October 27)	Aden	Blank.

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TELEGRAM

From Admiralty

To C-in-C Mediterranean 924. Date 18.10.34  
C-in-C East Indies 122.  
S.O. Red Sea Sloops  
C.O. H.M.S. PENZANCE.

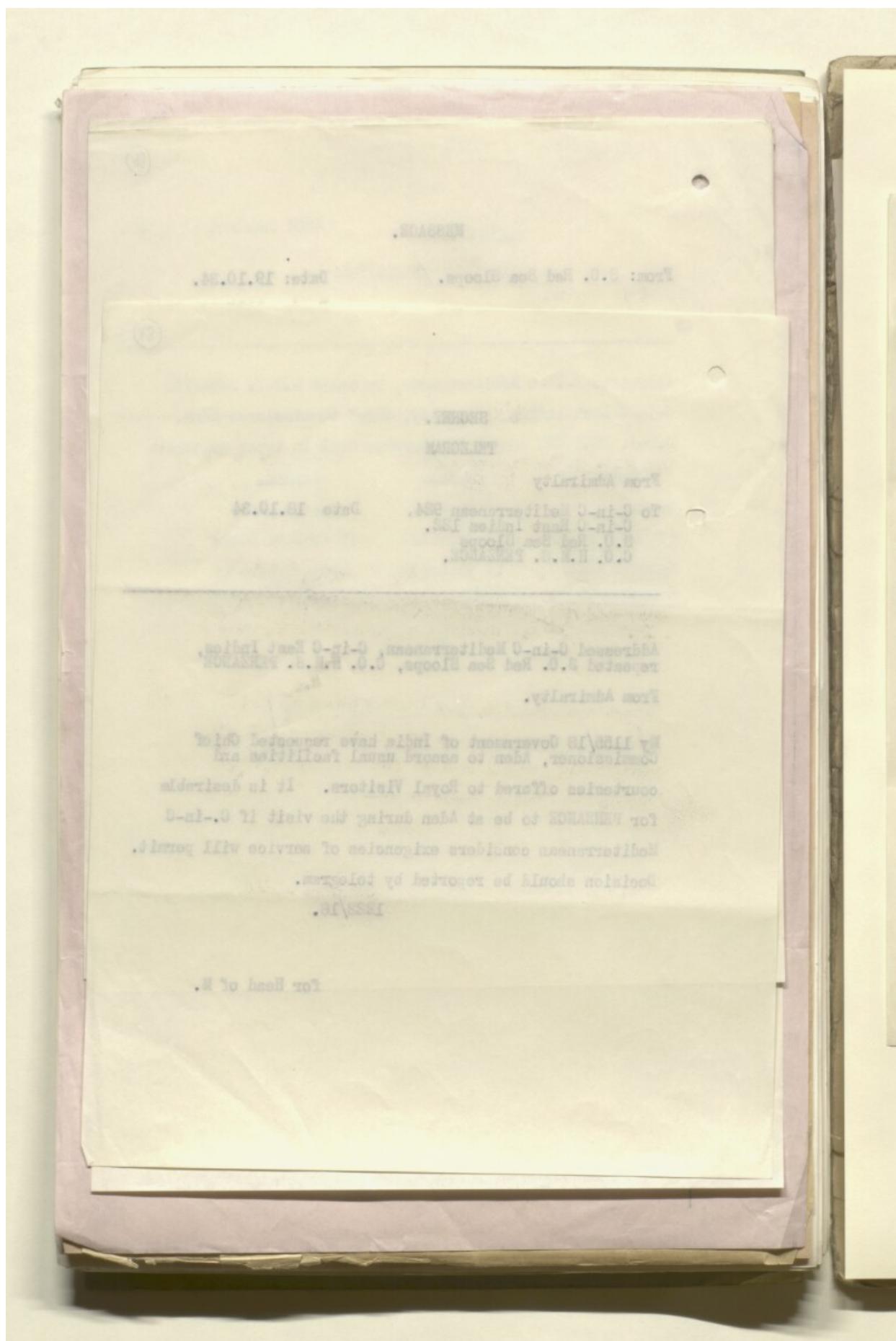
Addressed C-in-C Mediterranean, C-in-C East Indies,  
repeated S.O. Red Sea Sloops, C.O. H.M.S. PENZANCE

From Admiralty.

My 1155/18 Government of India have requested Chief  
Commissioner, Aden to accord usual facilities and  
courtesies offered to Royal Visitors. It is desirable  
for PENZANCE to be at Aden during the visit if C.-in-C  
Mediterranean considers exigencies of service will permit.  
Decision should be reported by telegram.

1222/18.

for Head of M.





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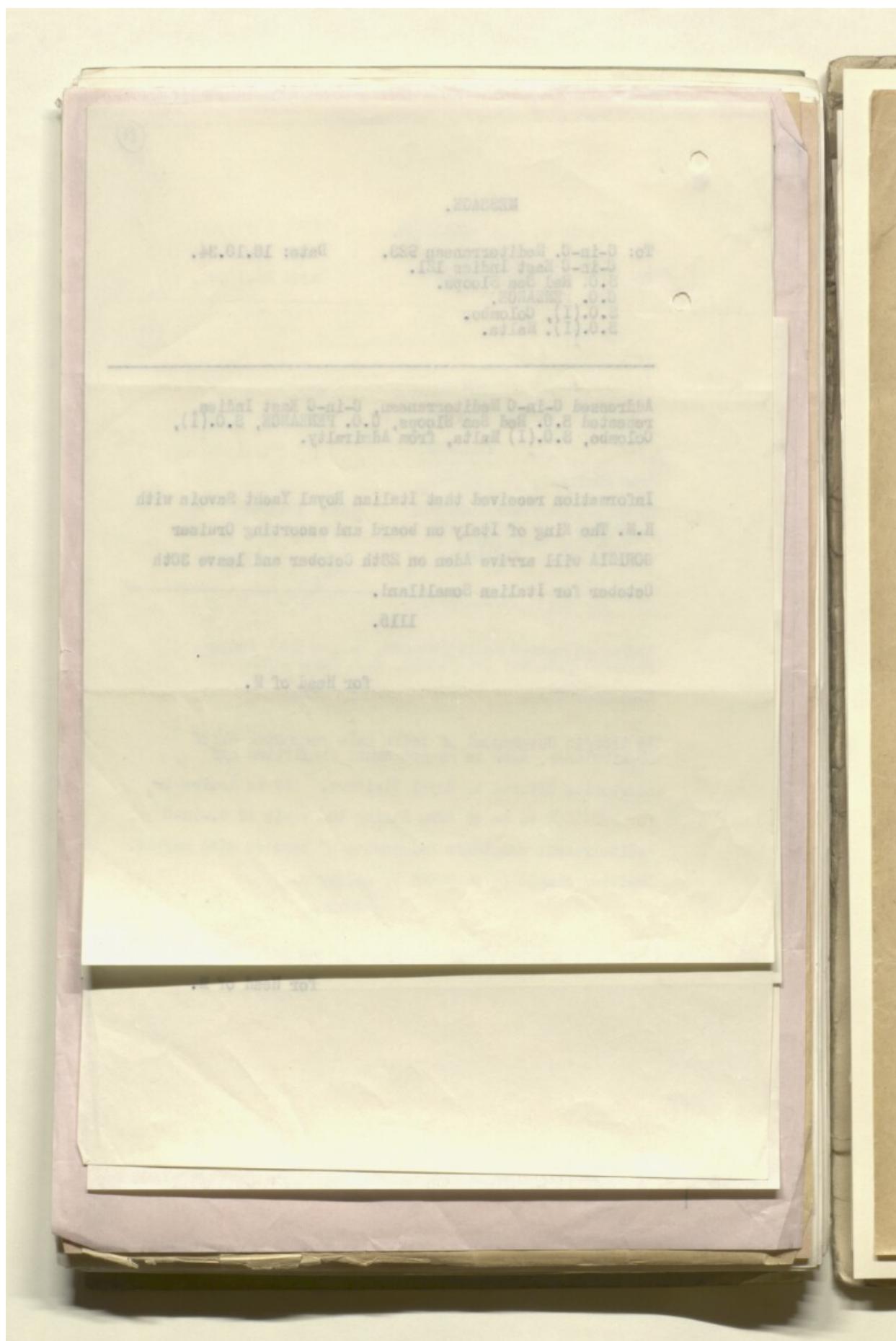
To: C-in-C. Mediterranean 923.      Date: 18.10.34.  
C-in-C East Indies 121.  
S.O. Red Sea Sloops.  
C.O. PENZANCE.  
S.O.(I). Colombo.  
S.O.(I). Malta.

Addressed C-in-C Mediterranean, C-in-C East Indies,  
repeated S.O. Red Sea Sloops, C.O. PENZANCE, S.O.(I),  
Colombo, S.O.(I) Malta, from Admiralty.

Information received that Italian Royal Yacht Savoia with  
H.M. The King of Italy on board and escorting Cruiser  
GORIZIA will arrive Aden on 28th October and leave 30th  
October for Italian Somaliland.

1115.

for Head of M.





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## TELEGRAM.

OUT

No.

From ADMIRALTY.

To C. in C. East Indies. 151.  
C. in C. Mediterranean. 931.  
S.O. Red Sea Sloops.  
C.O., H.M.S. PENZANCE.

DATE 20.10.34.

SENT

CYPHER G.G. (G).

Addressed C. in C. Mediterranean, C. in C. East Indies,  
repeated S.O. Red Sea Sloops, C.O., H.M.S. PENZANCE From  
Admiralty.

My 1222/18. King of Italy will fly his standard on  
entering Aden. His Britannic Majesty's pleasure is that in  
these circumstances King of Italy whether travelling in cognito  
or not should be received with all honours and compliments by  
both Naval and Military authorities and should be treated in  
exactly the same way as if His Majesty himself were visiting  
Aden. Chief Commissioner Aden should be consulted direct as  
to detailed arrangements, Admiralty being kept informed. King  
of Italy will also visit Berbera by sea 22nd November. Details  
will be sent later.

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for Head of M. Branch.

D.O.N.S.

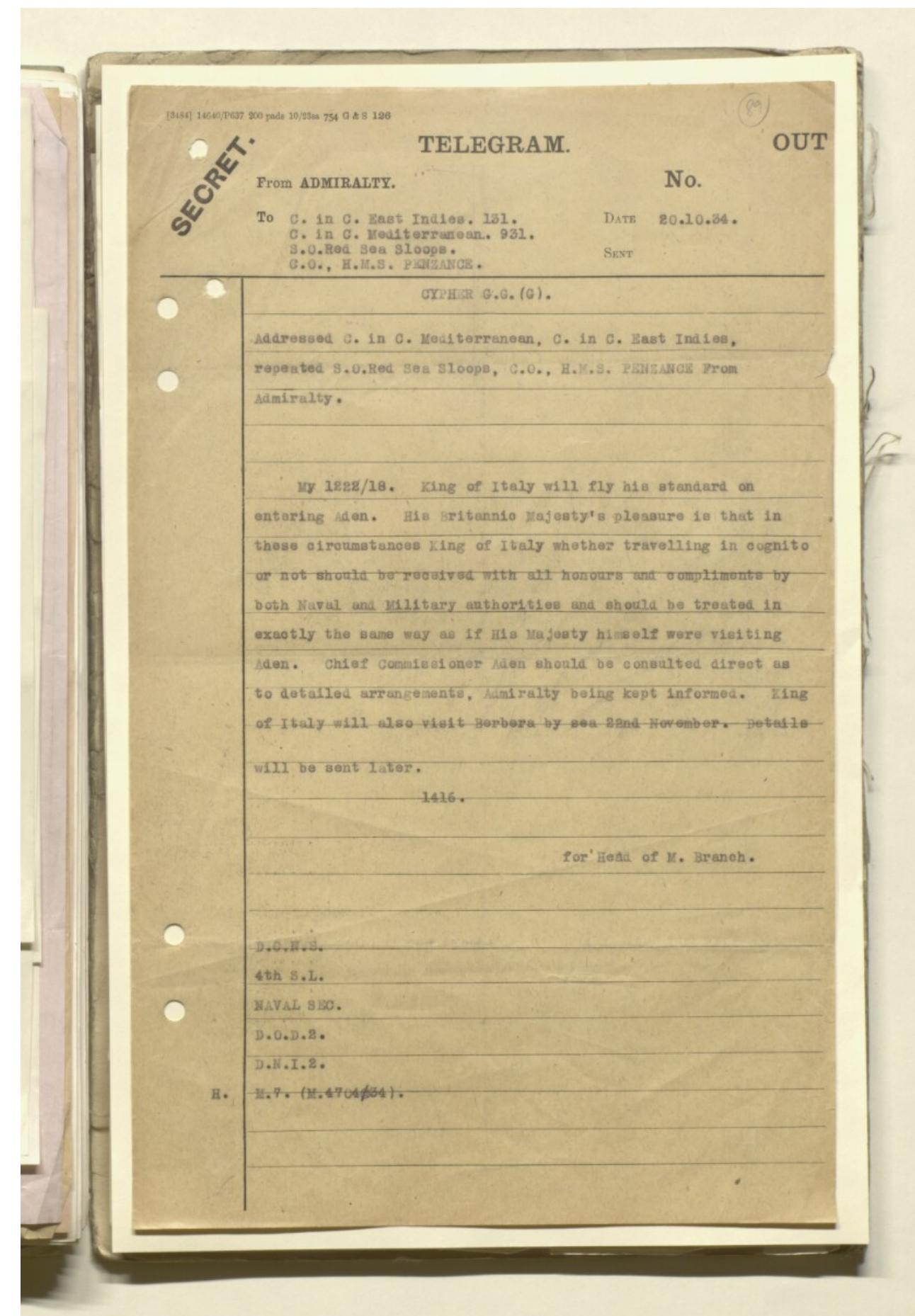
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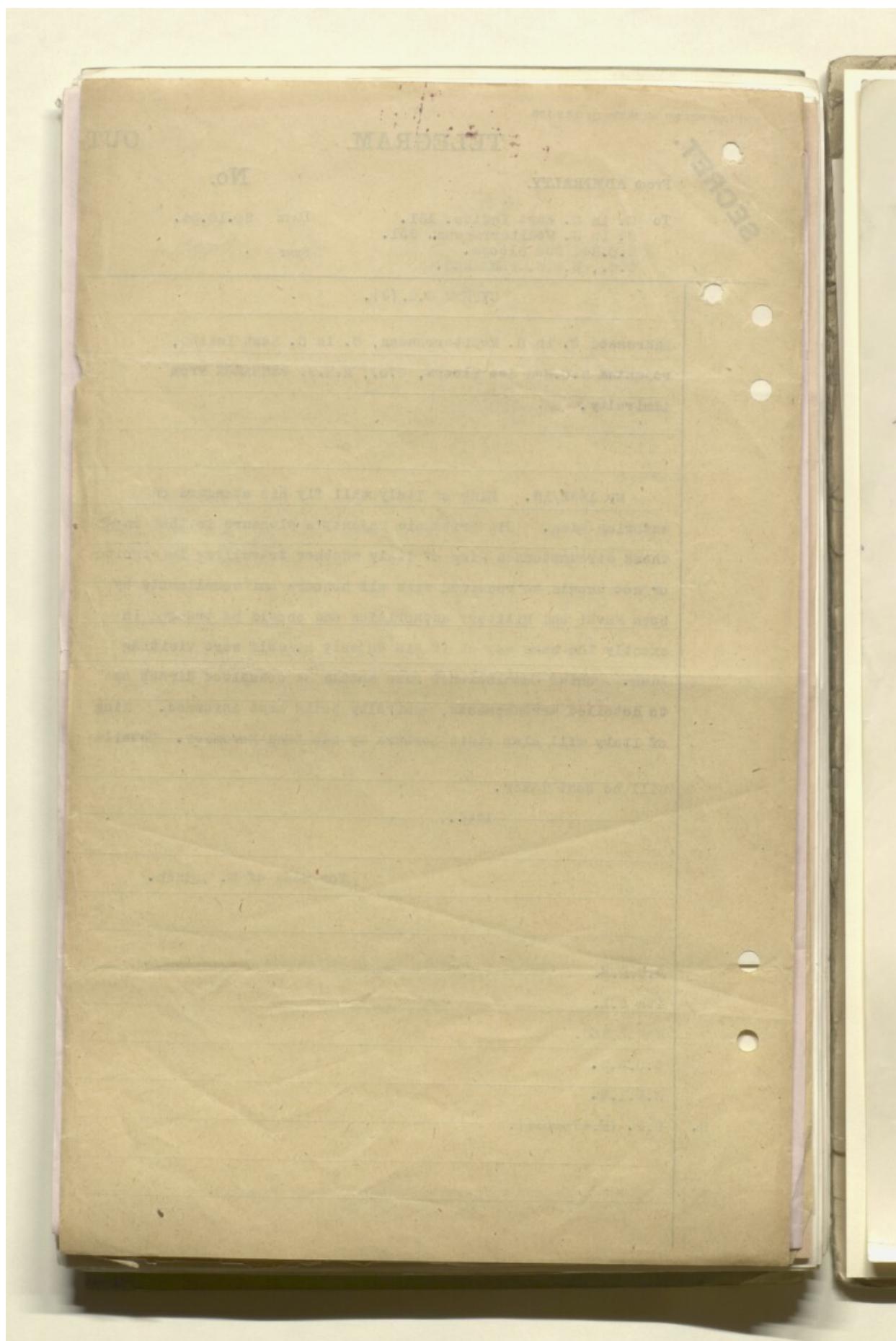
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H. 11.7. (M.4704/34).







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4th. Rest 11th. 2522Imperial  
Aden/ Tel. m. 25 Octo/ Information  
Statement

Let standard out to flower as  
Common. We have no information  
so far no information has been  
received here of any change in  
King's intentions. (This has  
been in view of this  
information of which was  
accompanied by message of  
King of Italy who had sent  
thanks to H.M. the King for his  
message suggesting 28th should be so  
kind message. (This has  
Embassy/ State/ King will now  
arrive 29th/ having 30th.

Mr. Walton

7-10 think we had  
better telegraph on these  
lines. Time is now so short

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To and to Mr. Wallinger

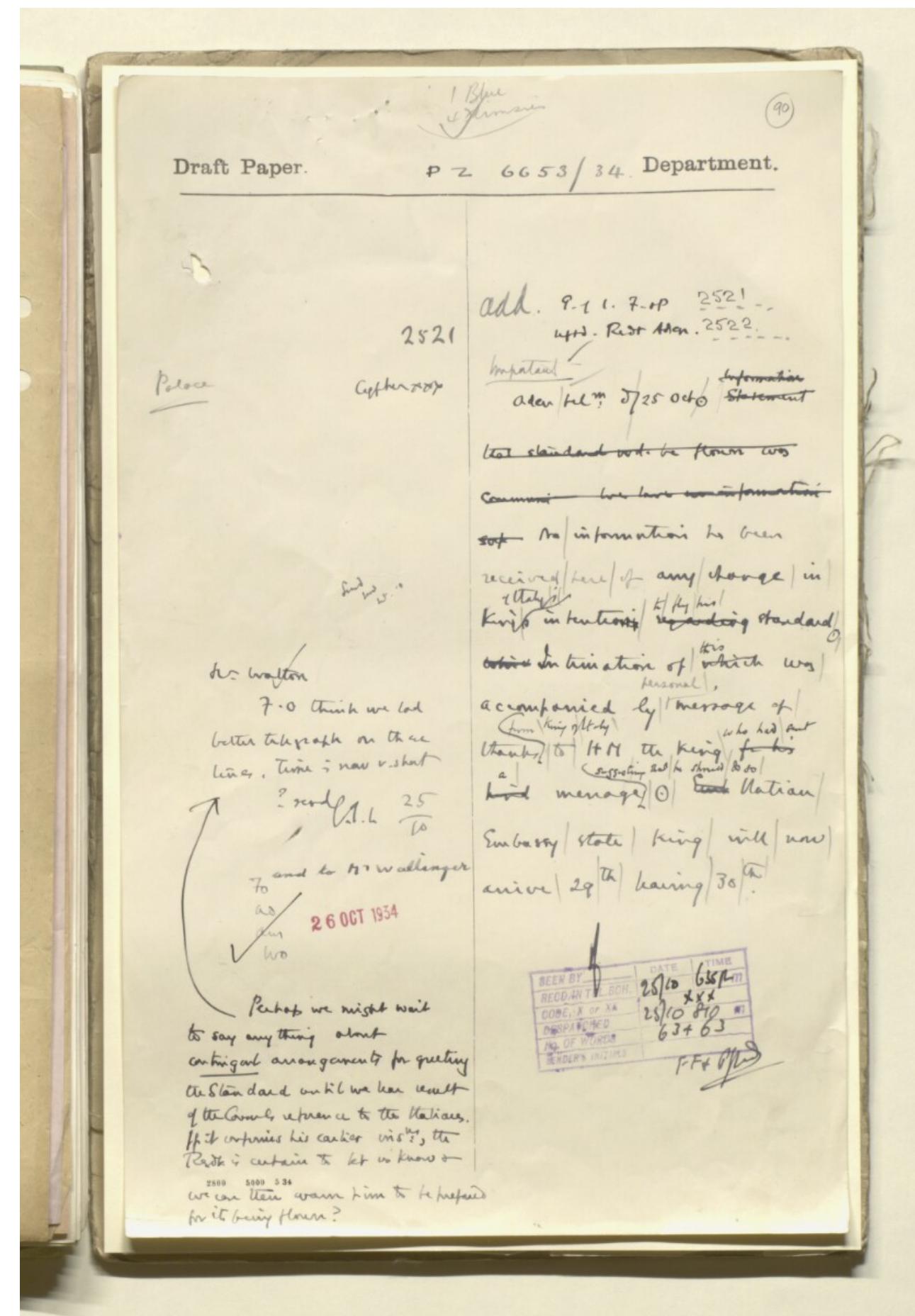
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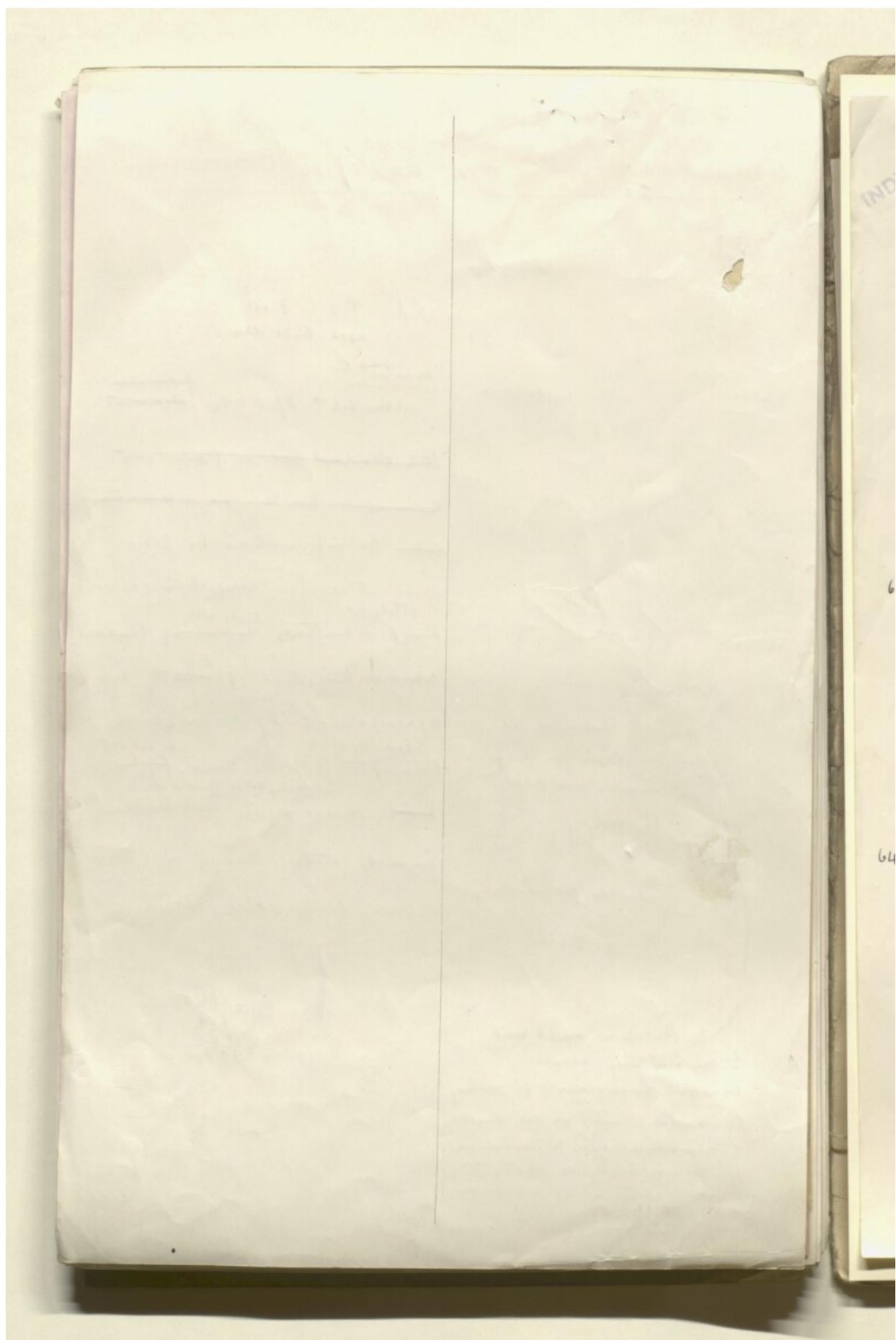
Perhaps we might wait  
to say anything about  
contingent arrangements for greeting  
the Standard until we hear result  
of the General's reference to the Italians.  
If it confirms his earlier info<sup>ns</sup>, the  
British is certain to let us know so

we can then warn him to be prepared  
for it being flower?

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CIRCULATED)DECYPHER OF TELEGRAM.

From Resident and Commander-in-Chief,  
Aden, to Secretary of State for India  
repeating telegram addressed to  
foreign secretary to Government of  
India, Foreign and Political  
Department.

Dated Aden, 25th October, 1934.

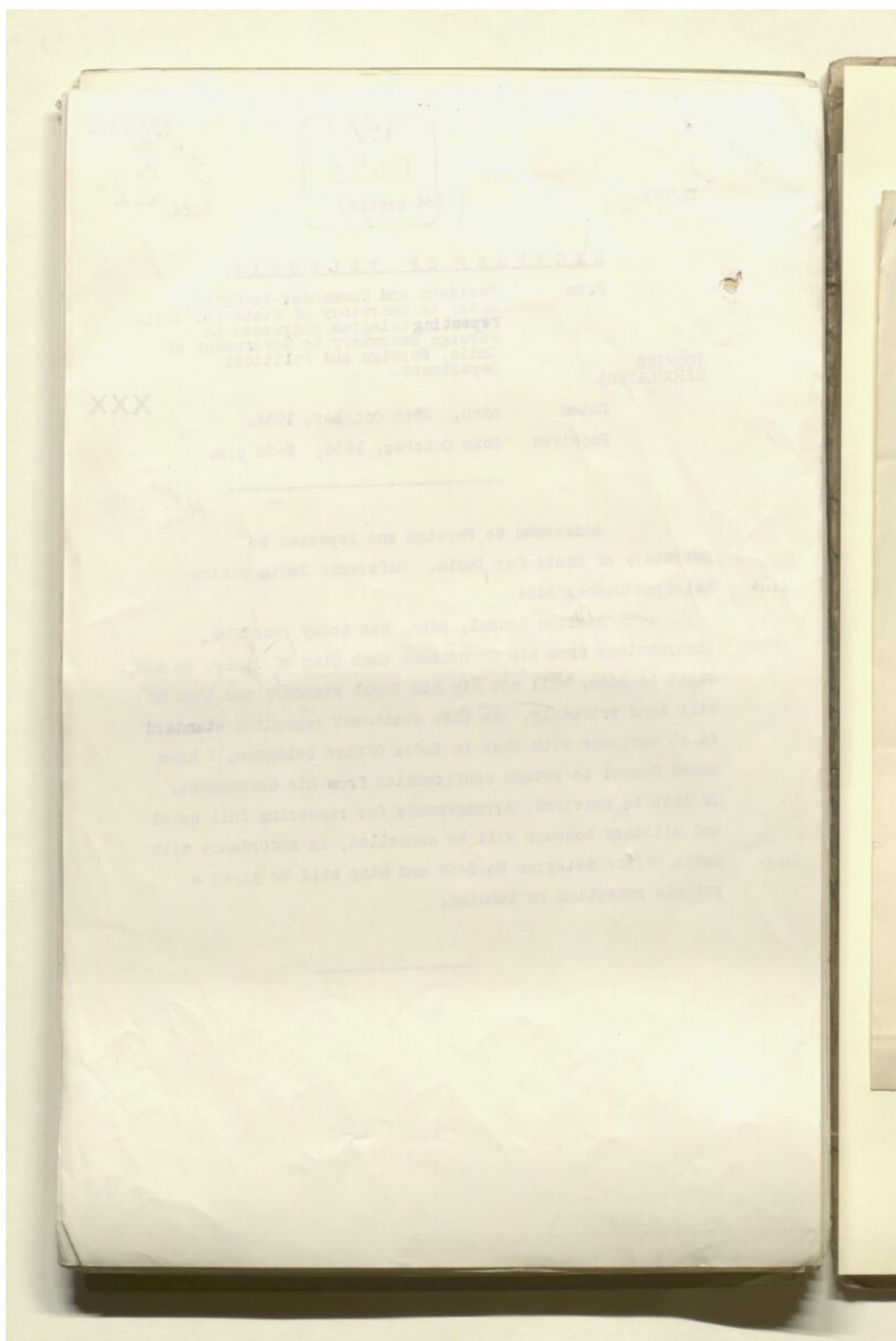
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Addressed to Foreign and repeated to  
Secretary of State for India. Reference India Office  
telegram Number 2484.

6491. Italian Consul, Aden, has today received  
instructions from his Government that King of Italy, on his  
visit to Aden, will not fly his Royal standard and that he  
will land privately. As this statement regarding standard  
is at variance with that in India Office telegram, I have  
asked Consul to obtain confirmation from his Government.  
If this is received, arrangements for rendering full naval  
and military honours will be cancelled, in accordance with  
India Office telegram No. 2455 and King will be given a  
private reception on landing.

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IMMEDIATE  
India  
Mr L  
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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for India and, in transmitting herewith, by direction of the Secretary of State, copy of the under-mentioned paper, would be glad to be advised what answer should be returned to M. Grandi.

Foreign Office,

25 October, 1934.

Reference to previous correspondence:

India office letter No PZ 6491 and 6546/34 of 23 October

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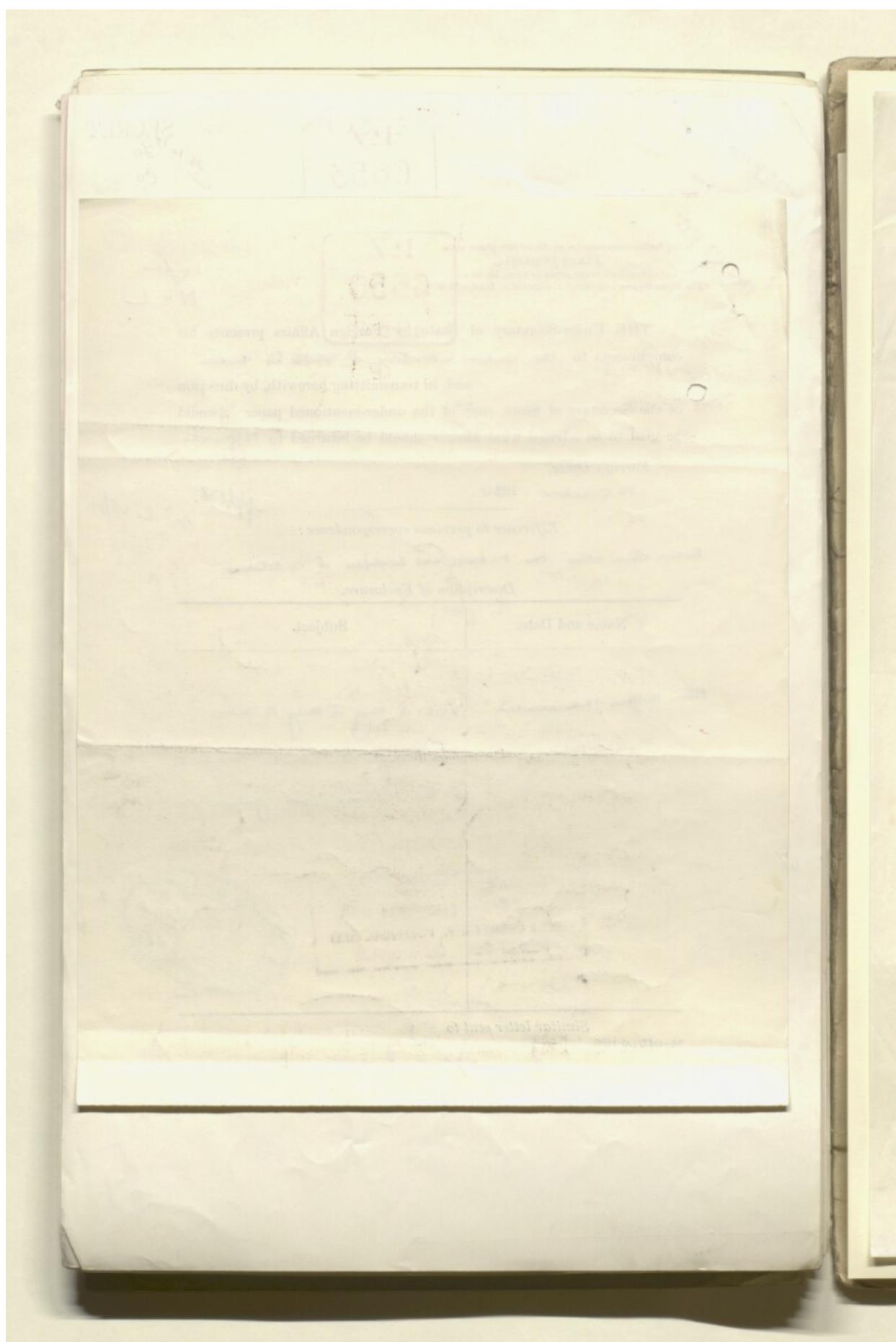
Name and Date.	Subject.
From Italian Ambassador 24 October	Visit of King of Italy to British and Italian Somaliland: movements of the "Savonia" and "Genoa."

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FROM SECRETARY, POLITICAL AND  
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Italian Embassy,

October 24, 1934.

Sir,

With reference to your note of the 13th instant (J. 2597/1942/66), for which I thank you, I have the honour to communicate the following to Your Excellency:-

(1) The royal vessel "Savoia" and the royal cruiser "Gorizia" will, in the course of their return journey from Italian Somaliland, visit the port of Berbera on the 2nd November next, His Majesty the King having been pleased to accept the invitation addressed to him through the British Embassy in Rome to visit British Somaliland.

(2) During their stay at Mogadiscio, which is contemplated for November 3-16 next, and pending the return on board of the August Sovereign, the aforesaid two units will be able to proceed, unforeseen circumstances excepted, to make a brief visit to the ports of Mombasa and Zanzibar for fresh supplies. I shall be grateful if Your Excellency will kindly inform me whether there are any objections to these two calls, concerning which I shall make a further communication regarding the dates and duration.

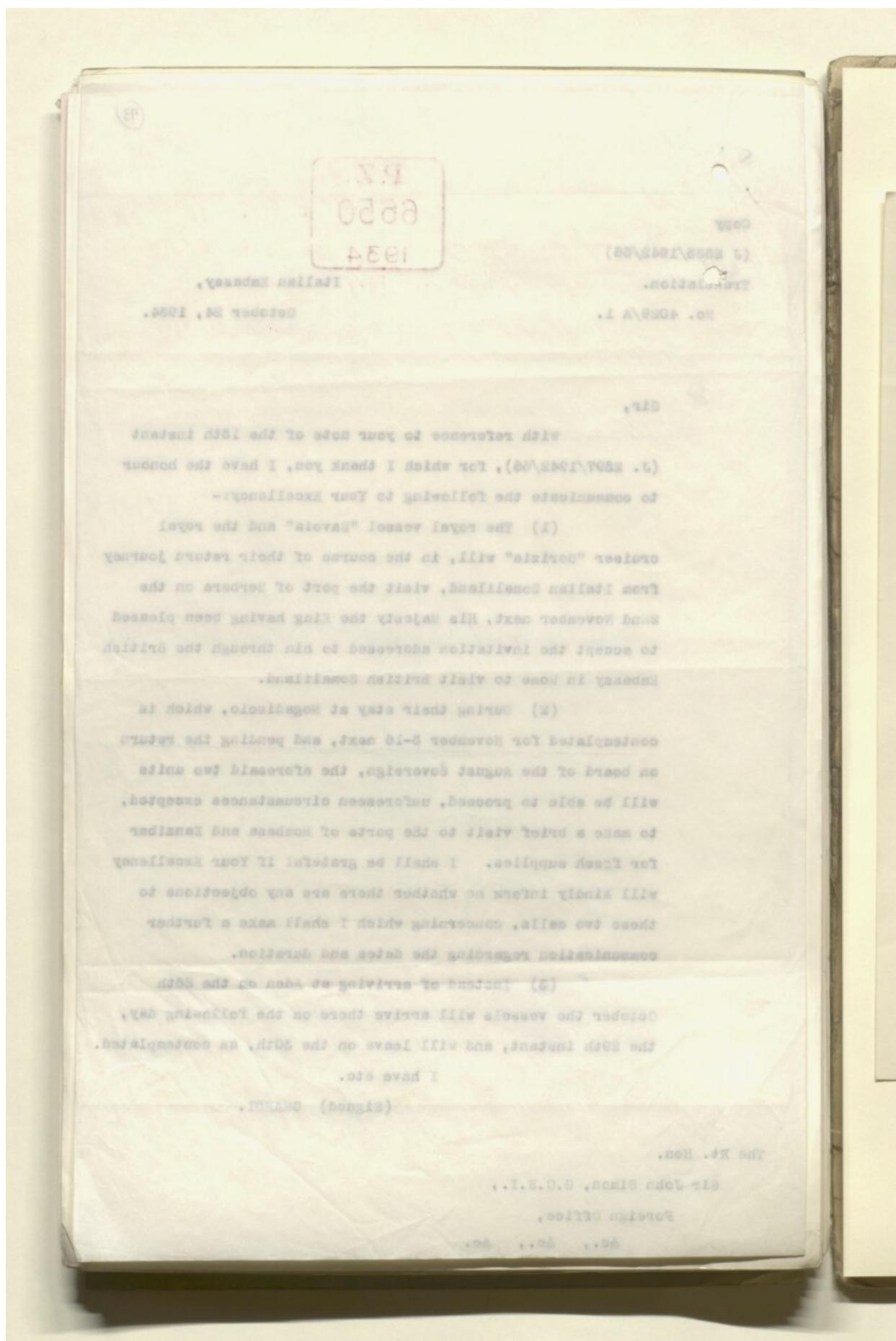
(3) Instead of arriving at Aden on the 28th October the vessels will arrive there on the following day, the 29th instant, and will leave on the 30th, as contemplated.

I have etc.

(Signed) GRANDI.

The Rt. Hon.

Sir John Simon, G.C.S.I.,  
Foreign Office,  
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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for India and, by direction of the Secretary of State, transmits herewith copies of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,  
22 October, 1934.

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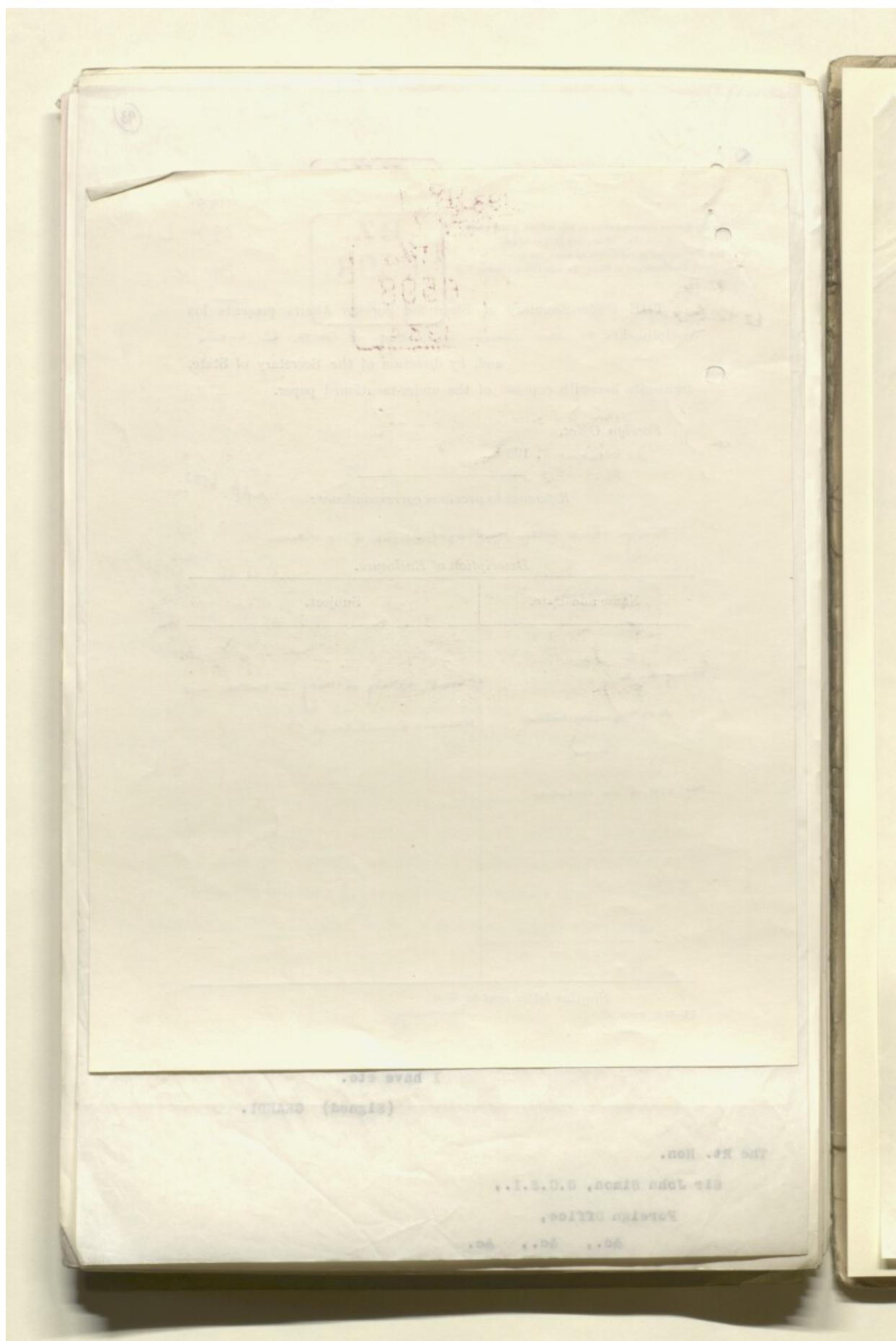
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Name and Date.	Subject.
<p>Telegram to: J.I. Representative China. No. 228 of 20 October</p> <p>ENCLOSURE IN WEEKLY LETTER No. 43 25 OCT 1934 FROM SECRETARY, POLITICAL AND SECRET DEPT. INDIA OFFICE</p>	<p>Visit of King of Italy to British and Italian Somaliland</p> <p>WAILS DIVISION 23 OCT 1934 INDIA C. 703</p>

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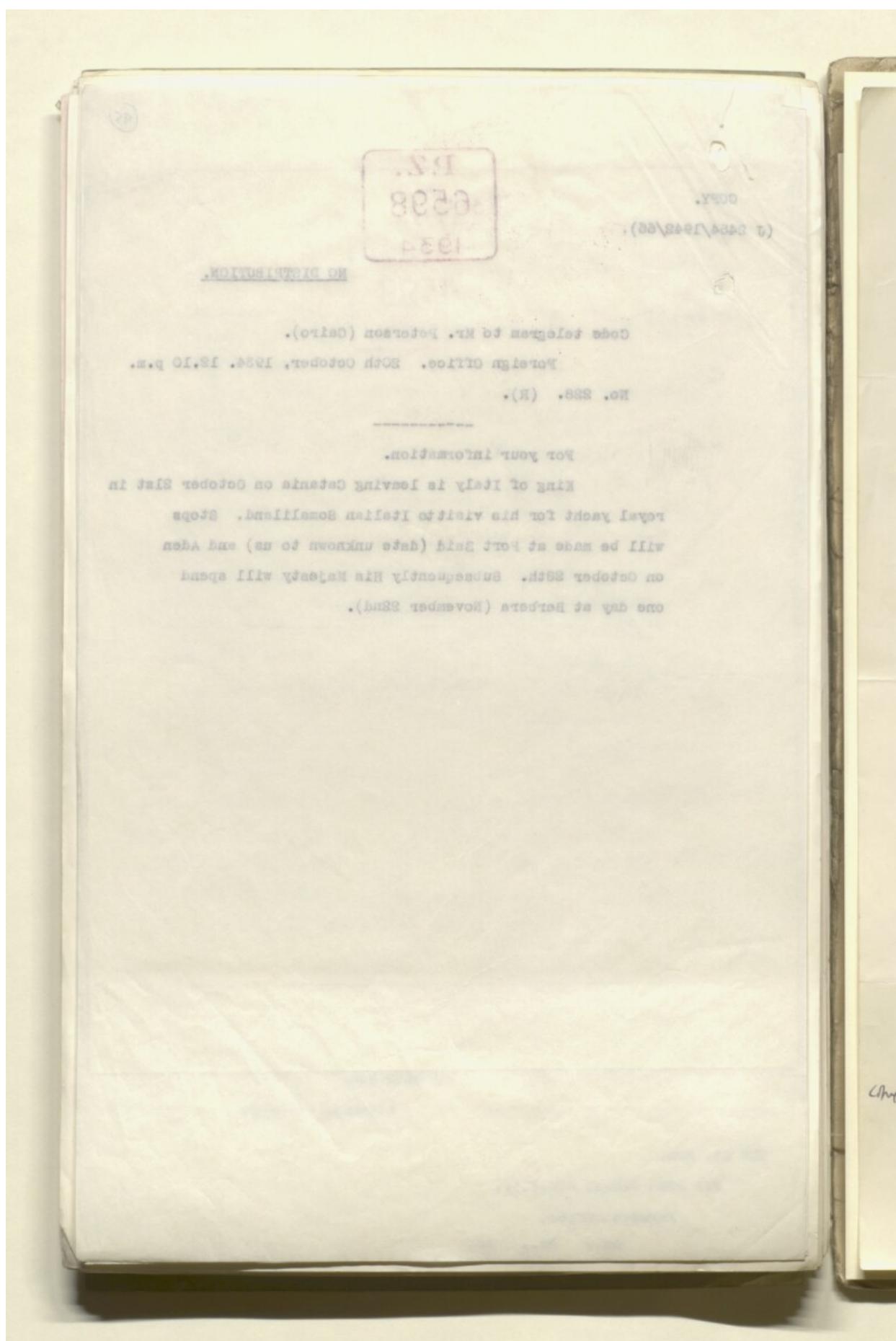
Code telegram to Mr. Peterson (Cairo).

Foreign Office. 20th October, 1934. 12.10 p.m.

No. 228. (R).

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For your information.

King of Italy is leaving Catania on October 21st in royal yacht for his visit to Italian Somaliland. Stops will be made at Port Said (date unknown to us) and Aden on October 28th. Subsequently His Majesty will spend one day at Berbera (November 22nd).





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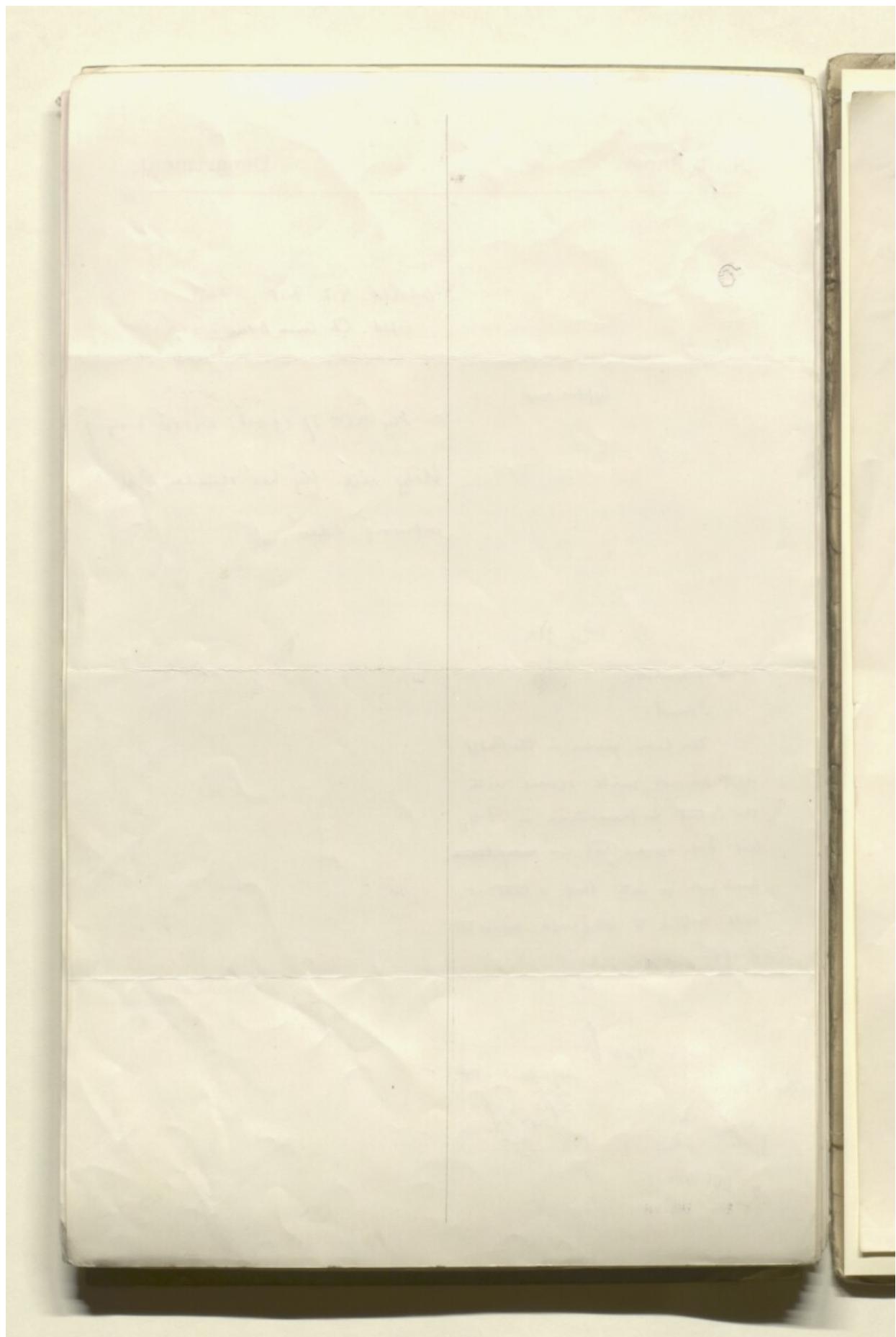
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term do not quite square with  
the latest information in 7-0,  
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will suffice to telegraph as in the  
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From Chief Commissioner, Aden, to (? Foreign  
Secretary, Government of India,  
Foreign and Political Department,  
omitted) and repeated by former  
to Secretary of State for India.

Dated Aden, 20th October, 1934.

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Received 20th October, 1934, 3 p.m.

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97. (? Addressed to Foreign, Simla, omitted)  
repeated to India Office, London, India Office Cypher (sic, ?  
telegram omitted) 2455, dated October 19th.

Italian Consul, Aden, has informed me that he  
has received instructions from his Government that the King of  
Italy will arrive at Aden afternoon of October 29th and will  
leave the following afternoon, that his transit through Aden  
will be of a private character, and that the Italian  
Government cannot foresee whether His Majesty will wish to  
land. I have informed Consul of your instructions to me  
regarding honours to be accorded and have asked him to  
ascertain whether the Royal Standard will be flown or not. I  
have also requested him to enquire whether the King will  
honour me by dining at the Residency on the evening of his  
arrival and will visit the town on the following morning.  
The Italian Consul also informs me that the King of Italy  
will arrive at Berbera, November 24th.





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DECYPHER OF TELEGRAM.

From Government of India, Foreign  
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CIRCULATED) Chief Commissioner, Aden, and  
repeated to Secretary of State  
for India.

Dated New Delhi, 20th October, 1934.

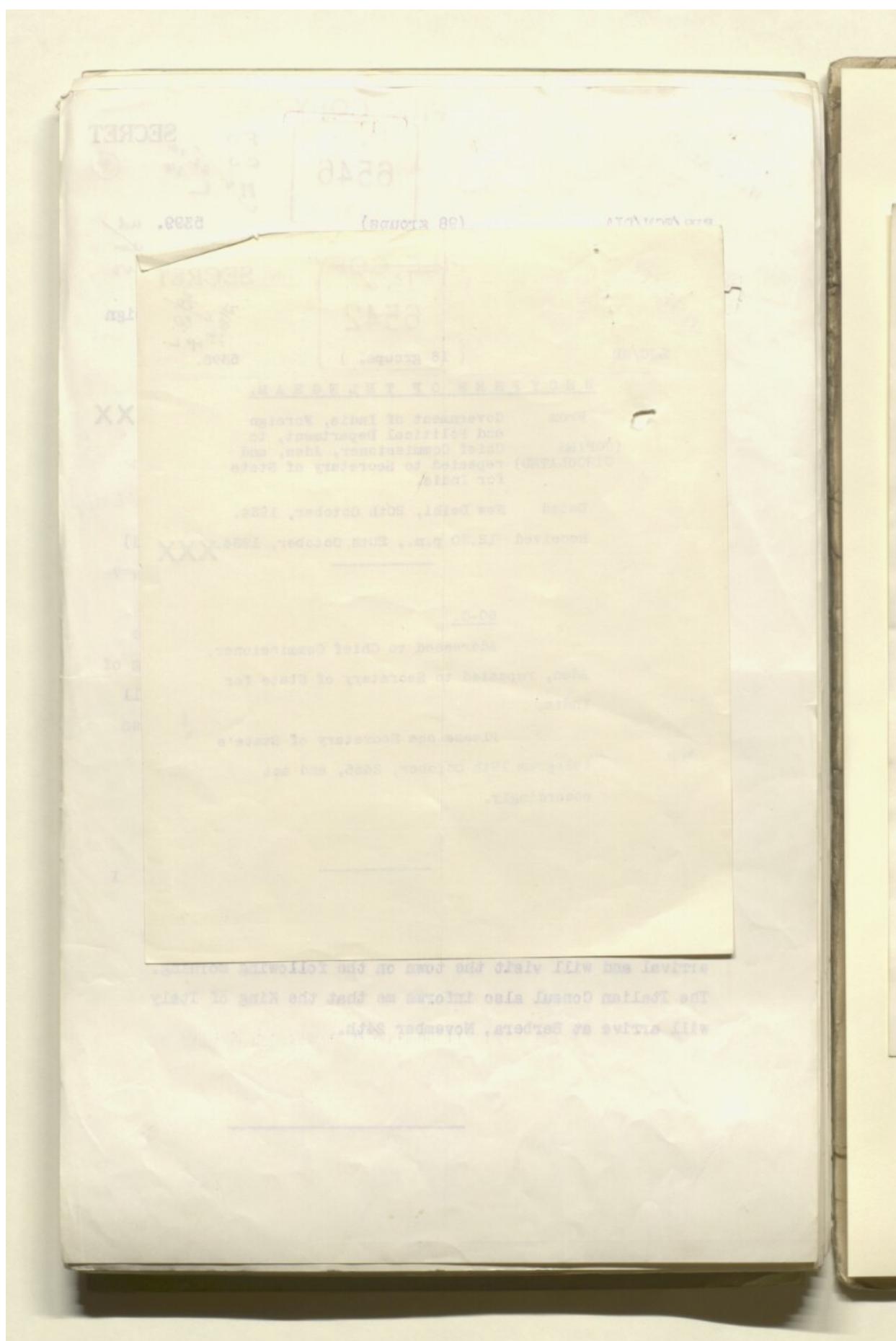
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Addressed to Chief Commissioner,  
Aden, repeated to Secretary of State for  
India.

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Please see Secretary of State's  
telegram 19th October, 2456, and act  
accordingly.





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COLONIAL OFFICE,  
DOWNING STREET, S.W.1.

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18<sup>th</sup> October, 1934.

pp. 6529.

My dear Laithwaite,

I spoke to you this evening regarding Reilly's telegram of the 16th October to the Government of India (which was repeated to you and to us) regarding the King of Italy's visit to Aden. So far as the Colonial Office is concerned, there is no objection to the staff arrangements which he proposes.

We have seen your official letter to the Foreign Office No. P.Z. 6459/34 of the 17th October, enclosing a draft reply to the Government of India (which is to be repeated to the Chief Commissioner), and if you agree, we suggest that you should add to that draft, when it is sent, a sentence to the effect that there is no objection to the staff arrangements

J.G. LAITHWAITE, ESQ.,

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arrangements proposed so far as the Colonial Office  
is concerned.

As I told you on the 'phone, the King of Italy  
is paying a short visit to British Somaliland after  
he leaves Italian Somaliland. We think that Reilly  
ought to know of this, as the King of Italy is certain  
to refer to it in conversation. You agreed and we  
suggest therefore that a further paragraph should also  
be added to your reply to the Government of India on  
the following lines:-

"For information. King of Italy is  
paying short visit to British Somaliland  
after leaving Italian Somaliland, probably  
arriving Berbera 16th November."

Yours sincerely,

*K.W. Blaxley*



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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his  
compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for India  
and, by direction of the Secretary of State,  
transmits herewith copies of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,  
October 1934, 1934.

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Reference to previous correspondence:

India Office letter no. PZ 6459/24 of October 17th.

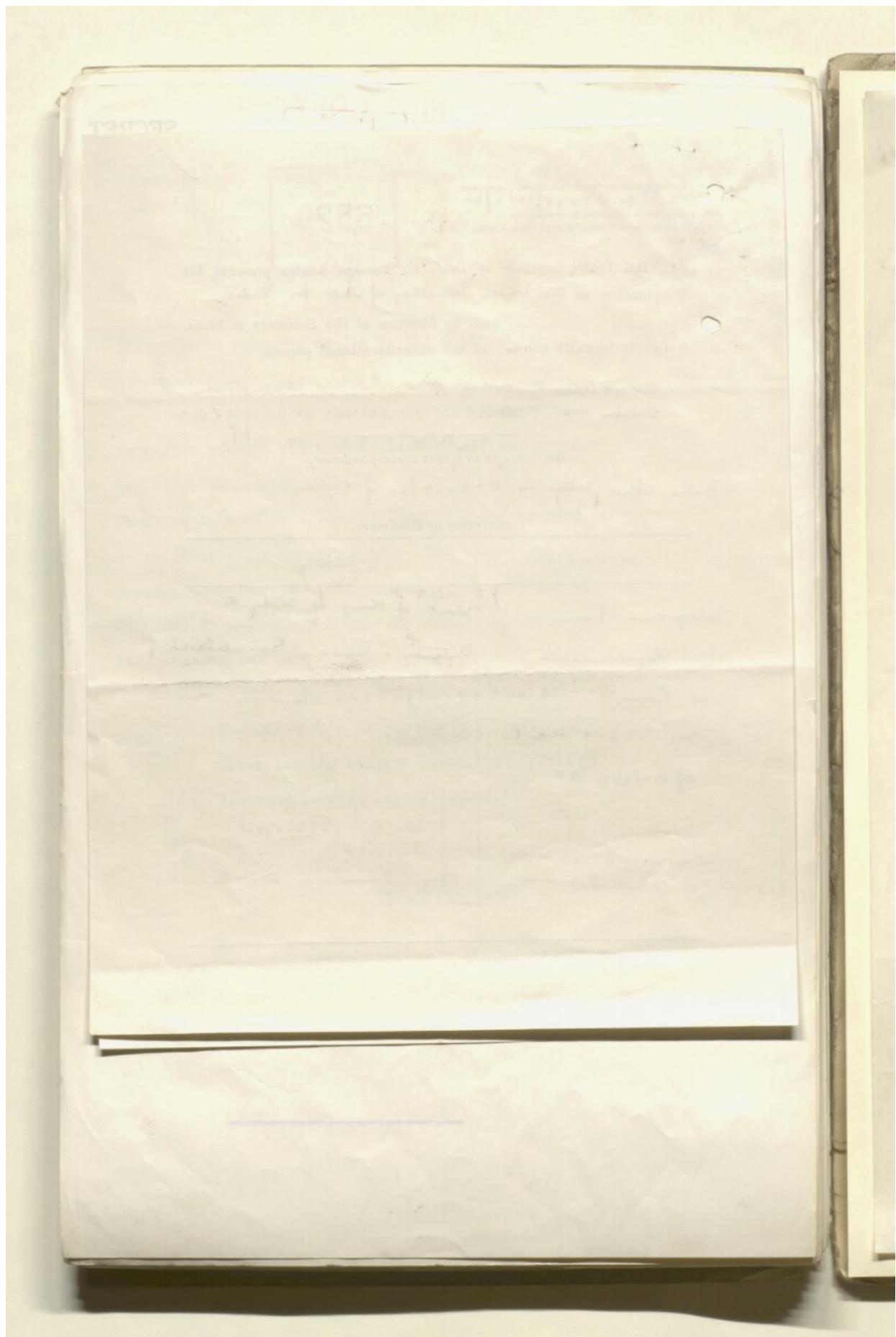
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Telegrams from Hon. Representative at Rome nos. 323 & 324 of 10 October 1934.	Visit of King of Italy to British & Italian Somaliland.

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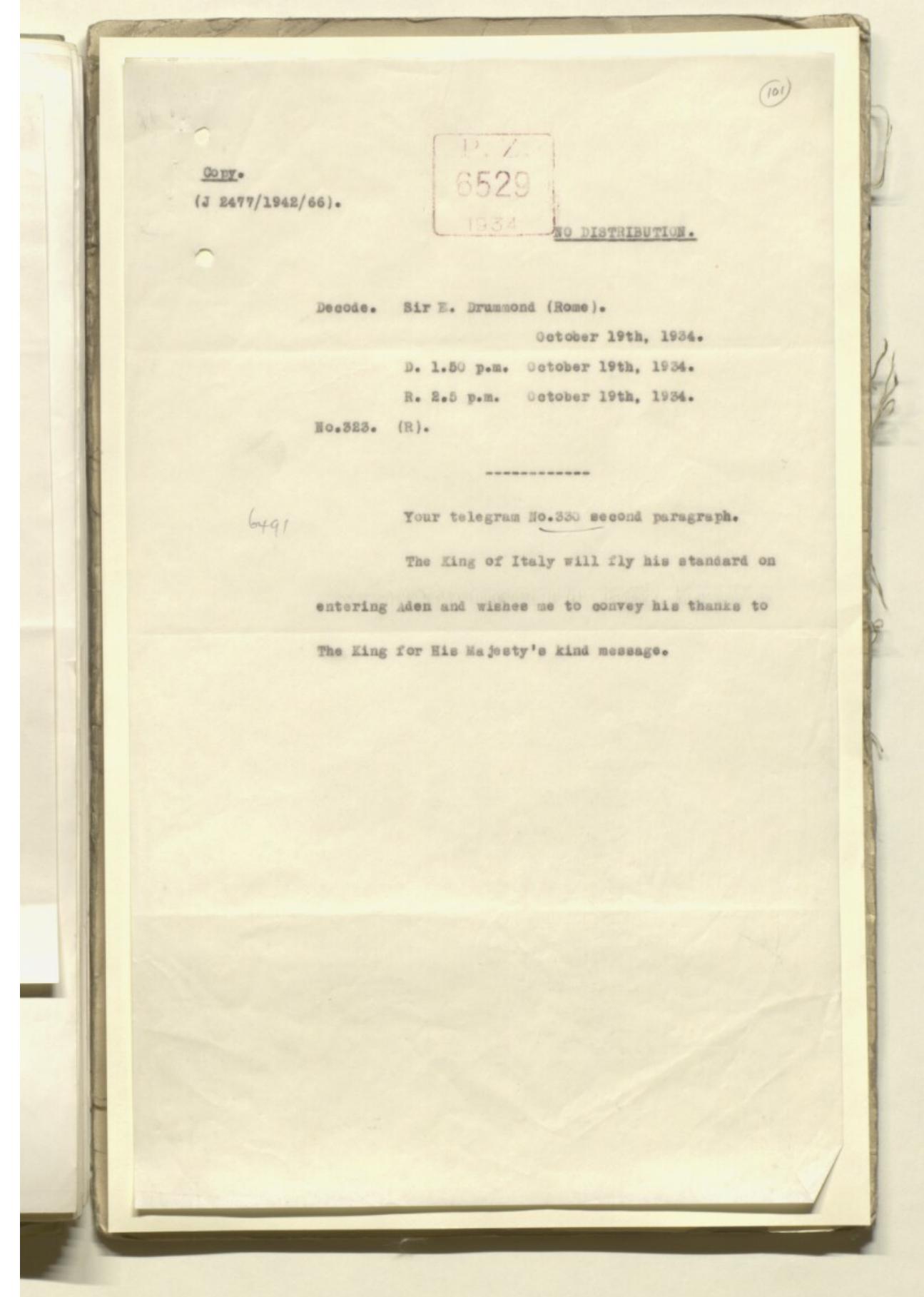
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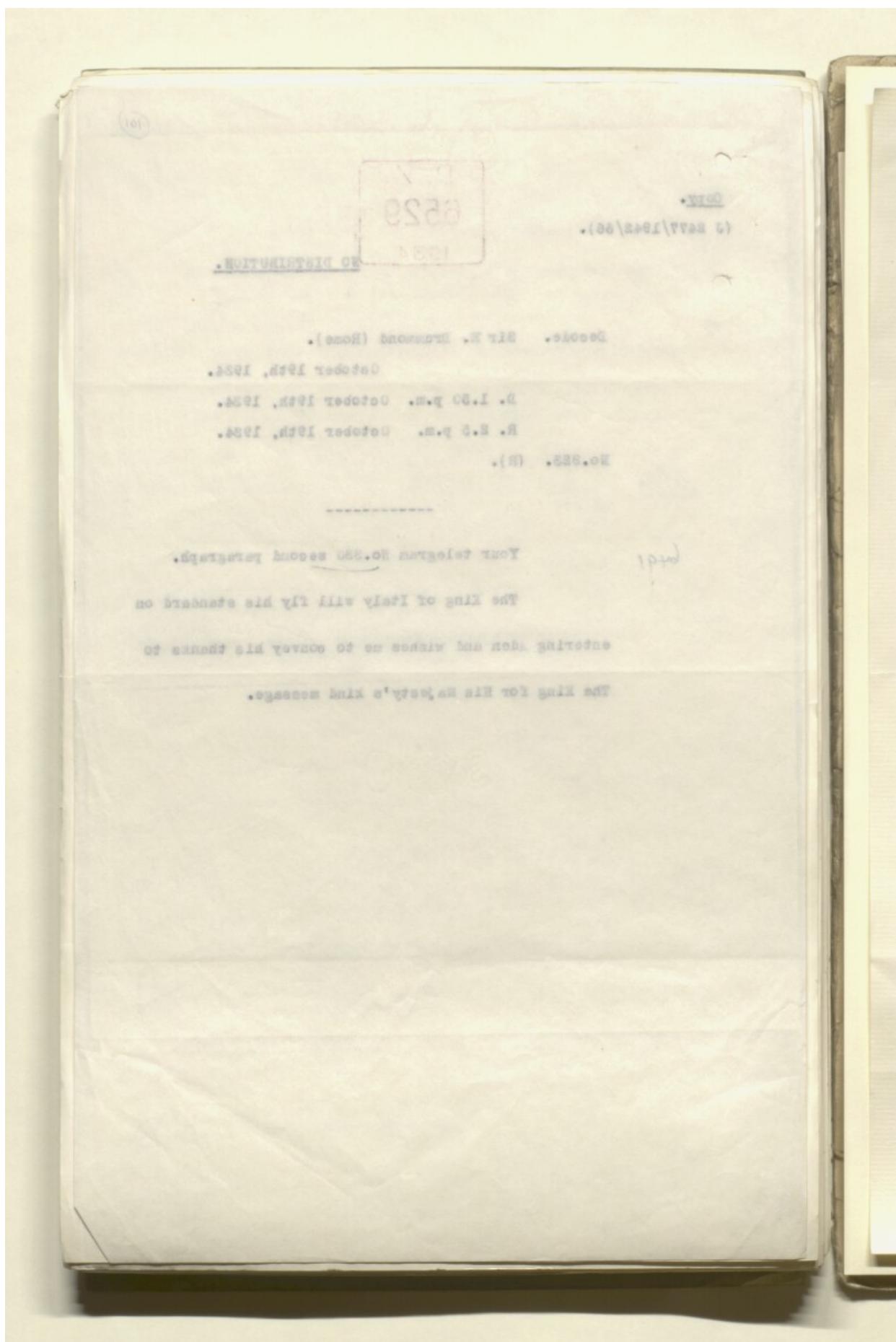
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6491 Your telegram No. 330 second paragraph.

The King of Italy will fly his standard on  
entering Aden and wishes me to convey his thanks to  
The King for His Majesty's kind message.



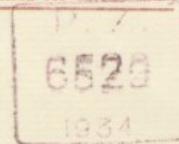




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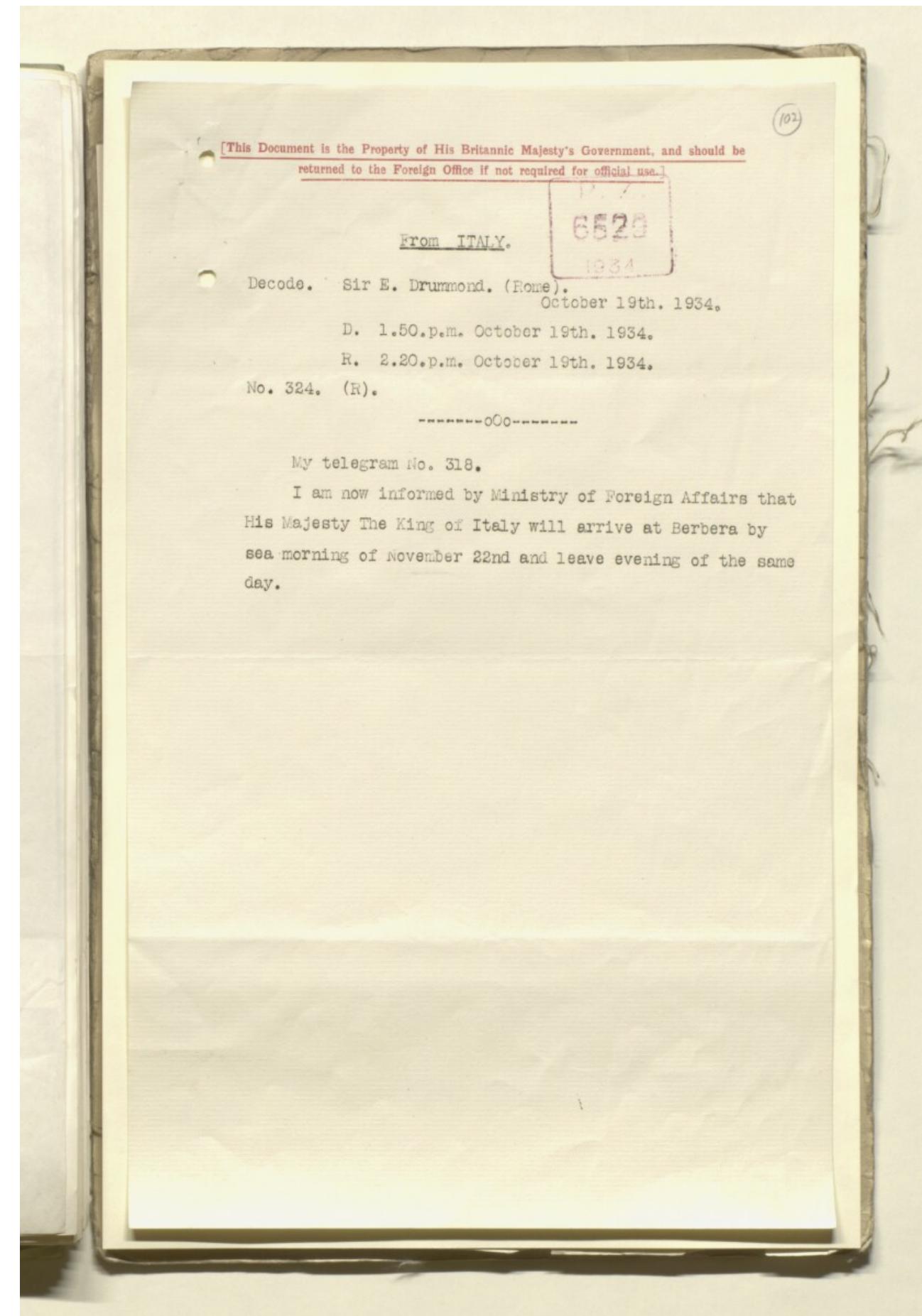
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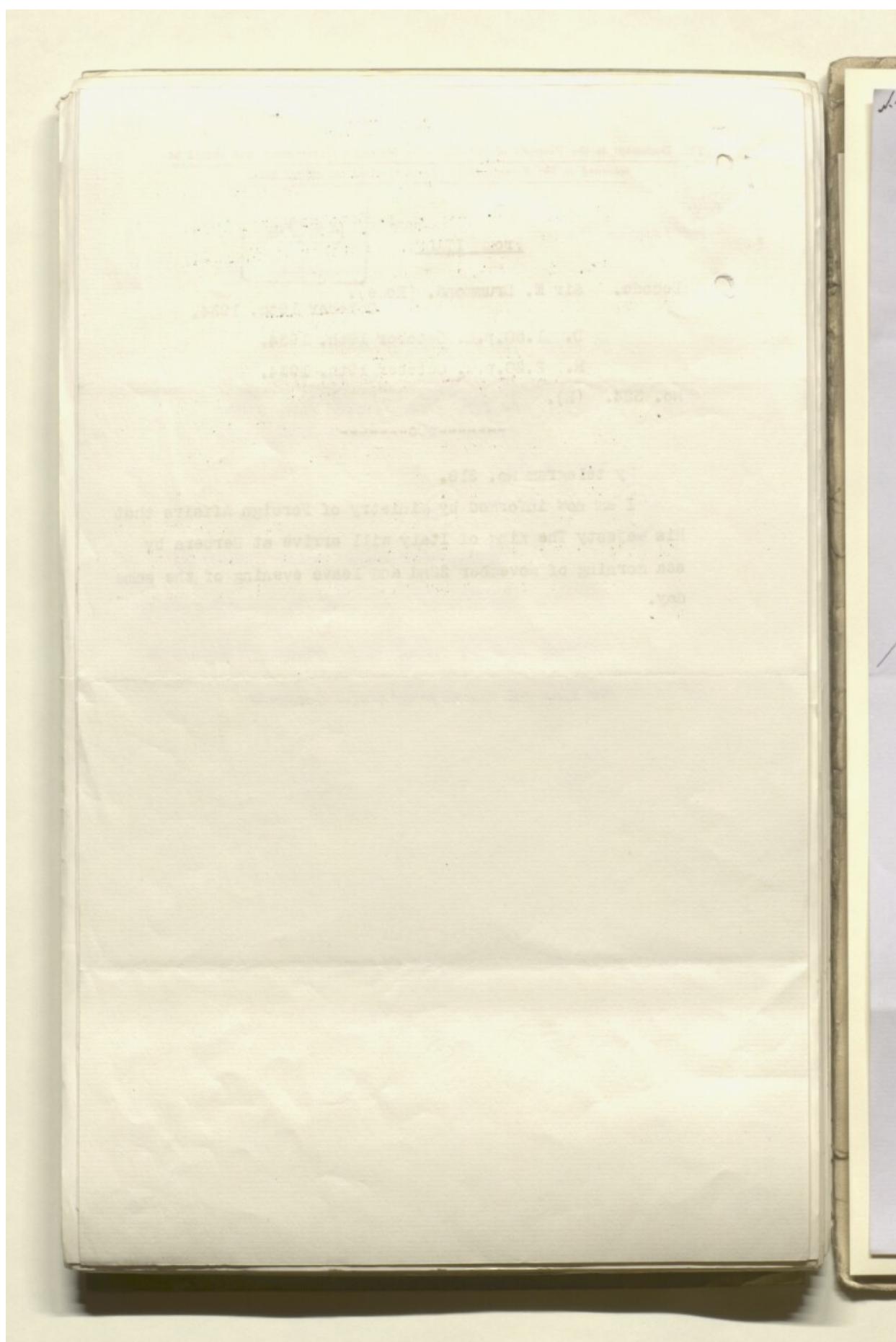
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My telegram No. 318.

I am now informed by Ministry of Foreign Affairs that  
His Majesty The King of Italy will arrive at Berbera by  
sea morning of November 22nd and leave evening of the same  
day.







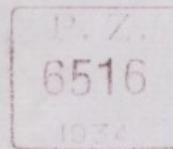
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Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.



(4) (103) India (AM)  
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FOREIGN OFFICE.

S.W. 1.

18th October, 1934. 23/10/34.

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Sir,

I am directed by Secretary Sir John Simon to invite reference to your letter No. P.Z.6459/34 of October 17th, relative to the forthcoming visit of the King of Italy to Aden, and to transmit to you, herewith, a copy of a note which has been addressed, in accordance with the suggestion in that letter, to the Italian Ambassador.

2. Sir John Simon has ascertained that it is The King's pleasure that the King of Italy should be treated in the same way as the King of Spain on the occasion of his visit to Malta in 1927 and I am accordingly to express the Secretary of State's concurrence in the despatch to the Government of India and the Chief Commissioner at Aden of a telegram in the terms of the draft enclosed in your letter under reply.

I am,

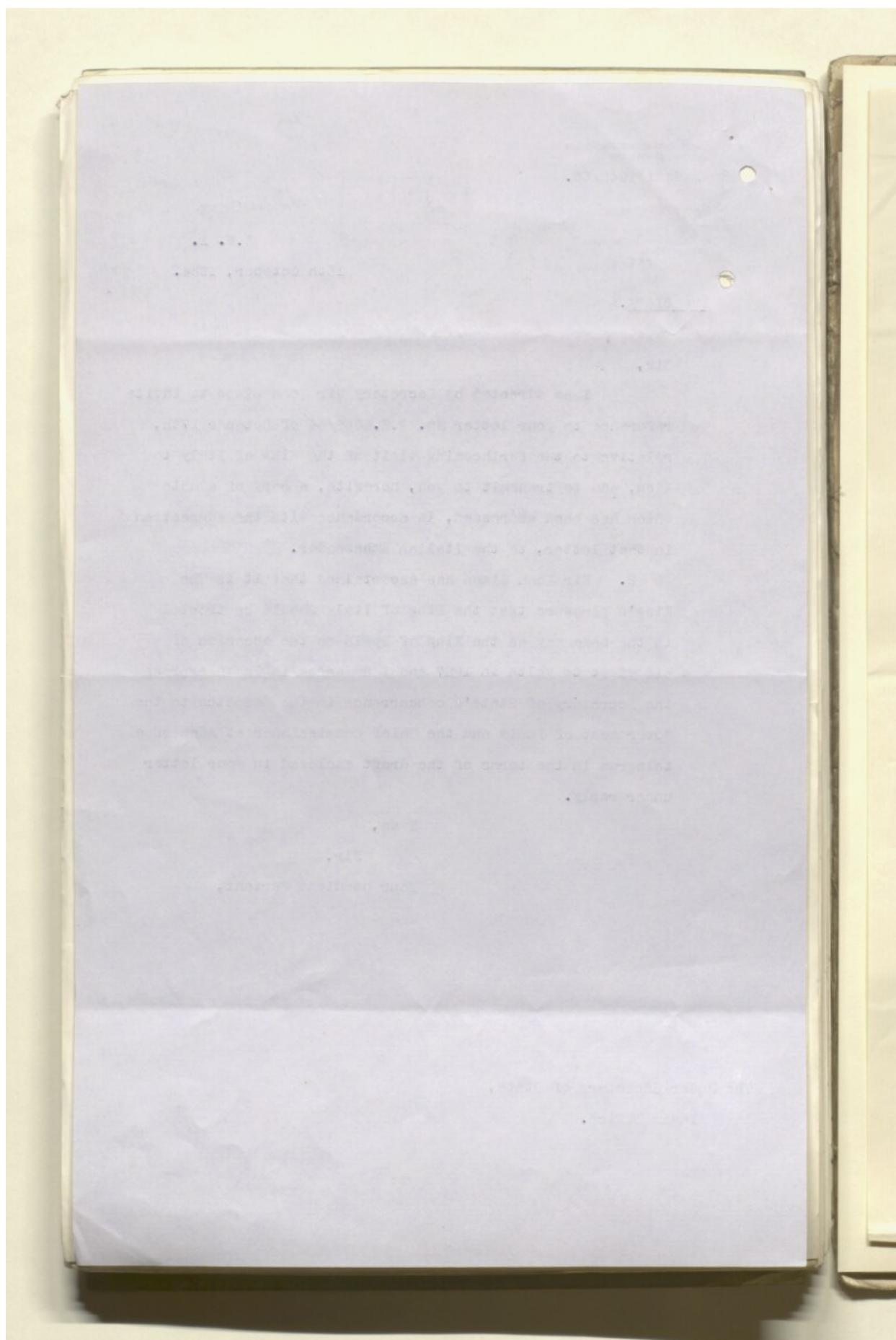
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Swalloway*

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

18th October 1934.

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Immediate.

Your Excellency,

With reference to my note of October 13th, relative to the forthcoming visit of the King of Italy to Aden, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Chief Commissioner at Aden will communicate to the Italian Consul at that place the programme which is proposed for His Majesty's visit.

2. This procedure will enable the Italian Consul to inform the King's suite, in advance, of the arrangements which are being made for His Majesty's reception and I have the honour to state that it would be appreciated if His Majesty's wishes on any points in the programme might be made known to the Chief Commissioner also in advance of the visit, possibly through the same channel.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

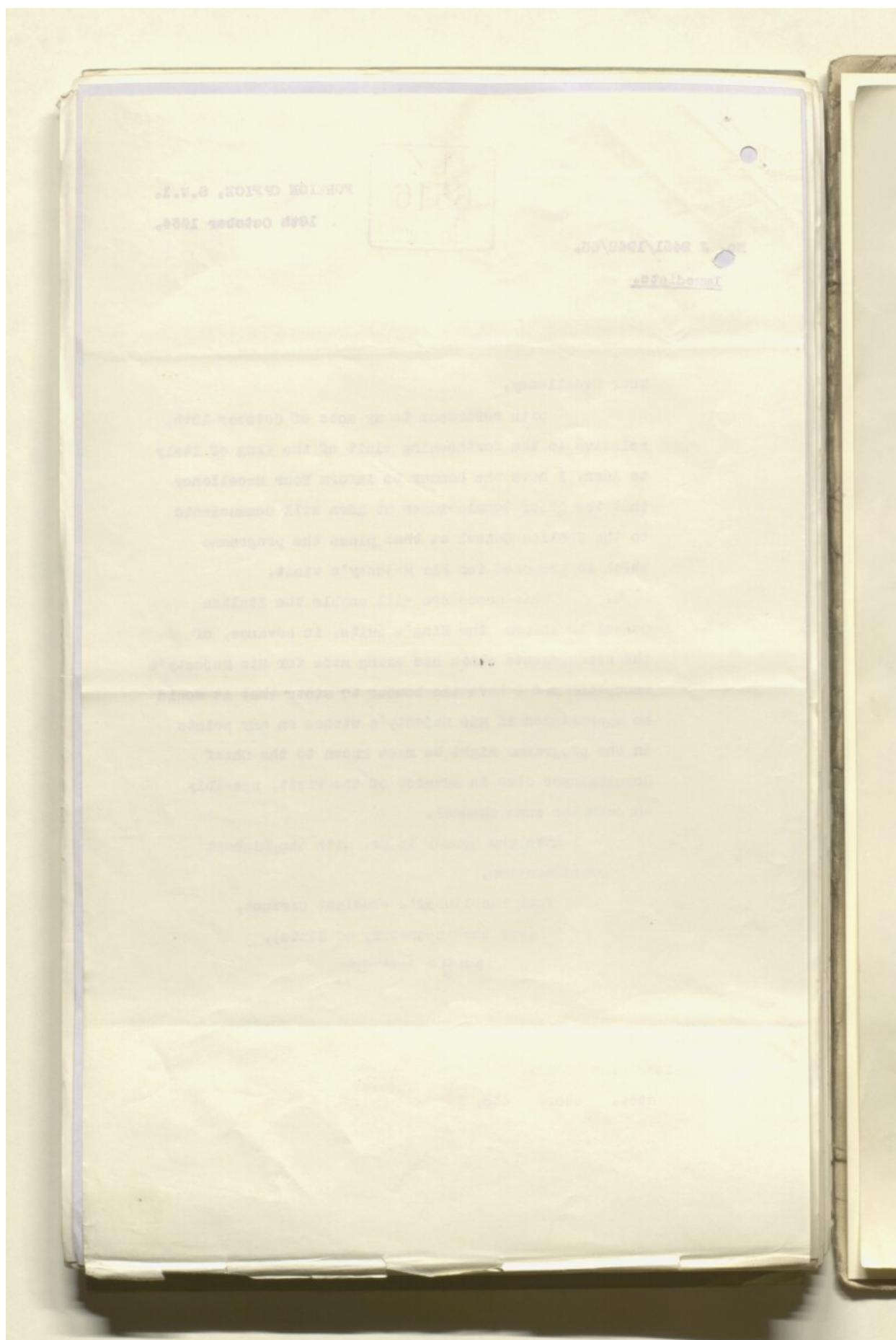
(For the Secretary of State).

ed) G R Waller

His Excellency

Monsieur Dino Grandi,

etc., etc., etc.





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POLITICAL Department.

DRAFT TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State

To Government of India,

Foreign & Political Dept.

Repeated Chief Commissioner, Aden.

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3. Reilly's proposal to approve

programme in advance through Italian

Consul at Aden is approved.

4. Resident will of course take all

possible precautions for His Majesty's

safety during his visit to Aden.

5. Mr. Reilly's STAFFING

arrangements prepared in Aden

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6. Reception of King of Italy's



Having shot visit to  
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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his  
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transmits herewith copies of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,  
17 October, 1934.

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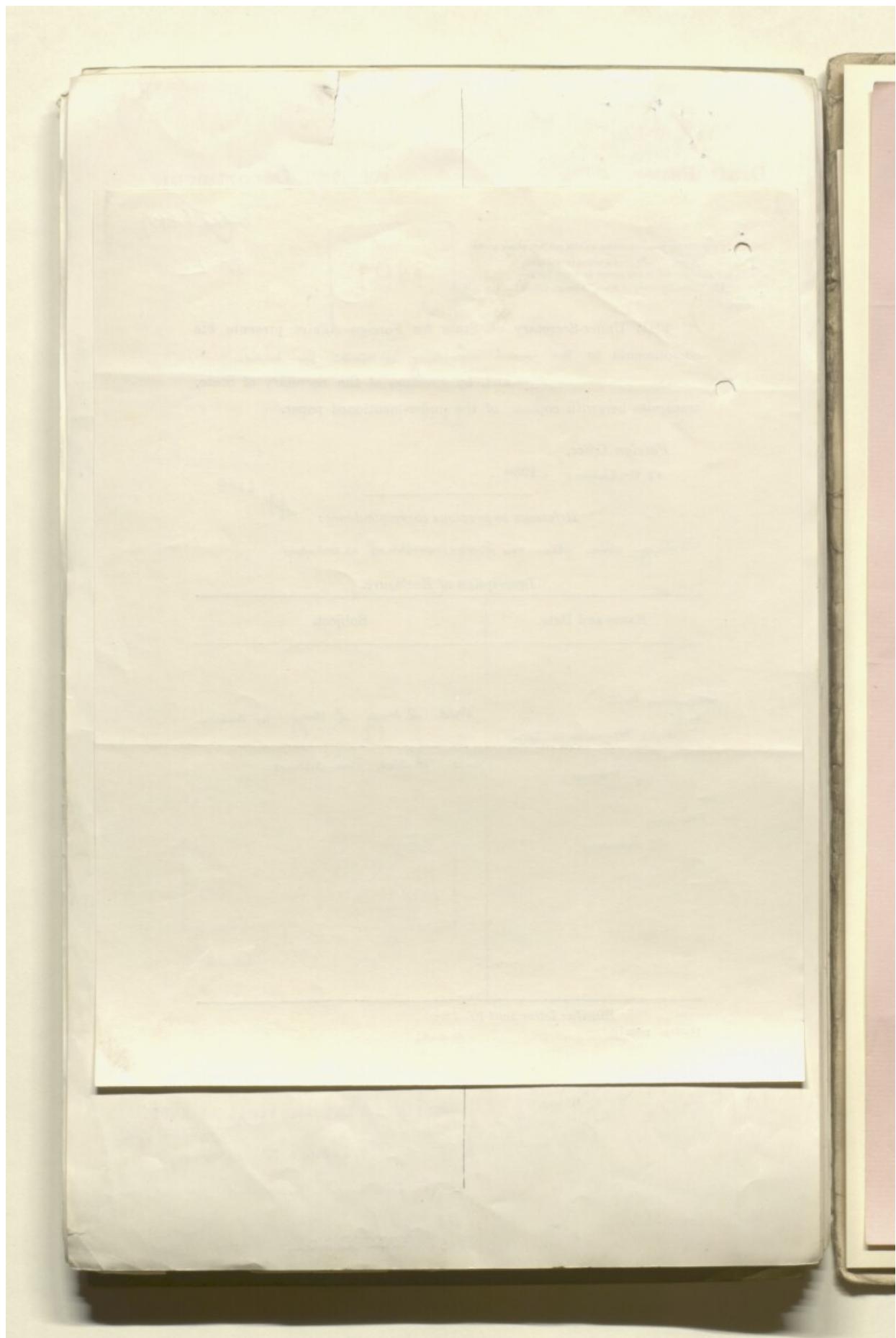
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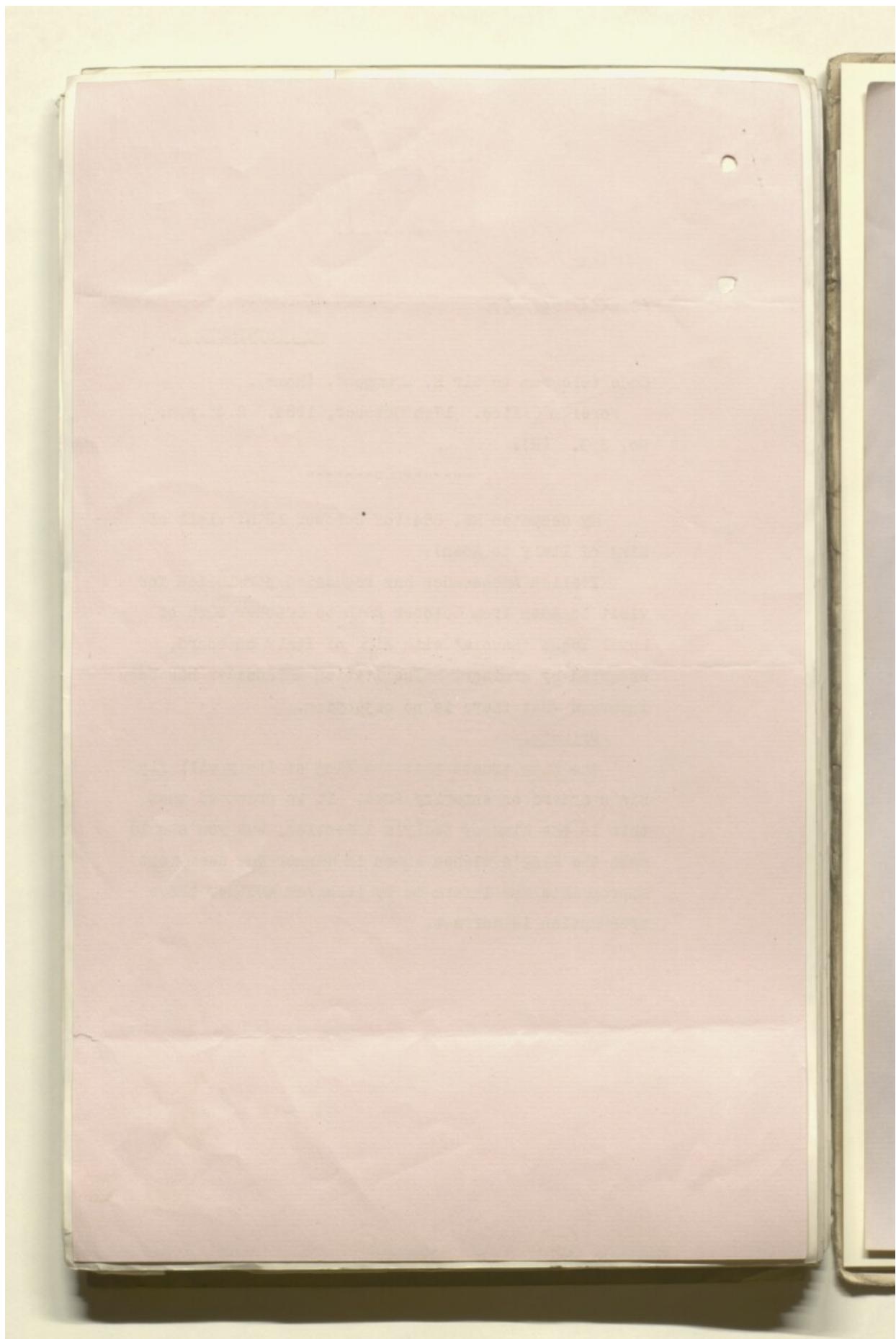
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6491 My despatch No. 884 (of October 13th: visit of  
King of Italy to Aden).

Italian Ambassador has requested permission for  
visit to Aden from October 28th to October 30th of  
Royal Yacht "Savoia" with King of Italy on board,  
escorted by cruiser. The Italian Ambassador has been  
informed that there is no objection.

Private.

The King trusts that the King of Italy will fly  
his standard on entering Aden. It is presumed that  
this is the King of Italy's intention, but you should  
make the King's wishes known in manner you deem most  
appropriate and inform me by telegram whether above  
presumption is correct.





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To Chairman.....			
Under Secretary.....	17/10	2nd/11	King of Italy's visit to Aden on 28th October.
Secretary of State.....	17		
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Secretary of State....			

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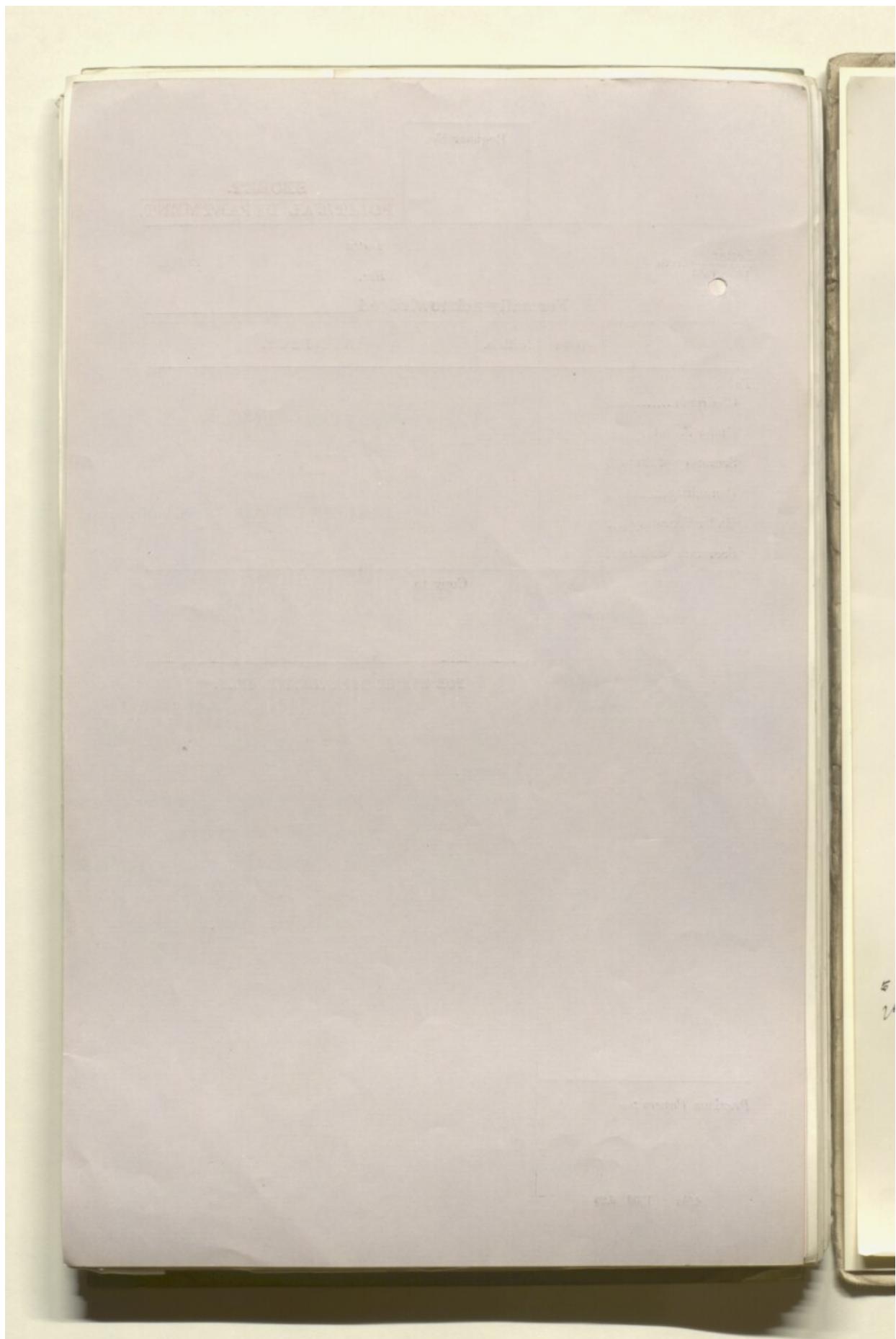
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Draft letter to Foreign Office enclosing draft  
instructions to Government of  
India and Chief Commissioner, Aden,  
for issue subject to Foreign  
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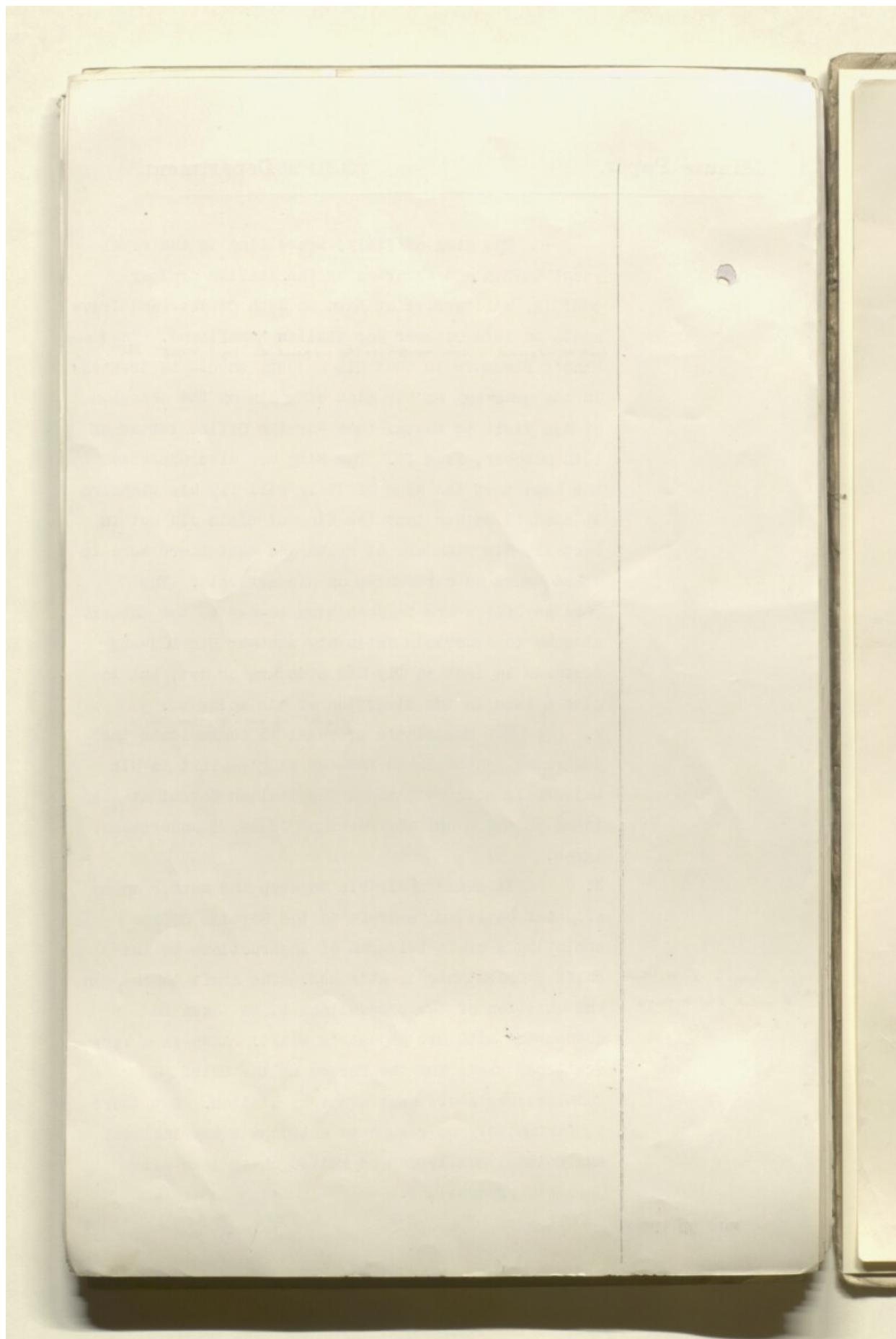
The King of Italy, travelling in the royal yacht SAVOIA and escorted by the Italian cruiser GORIZIA, will arrive at Aden on 28th October and leave again on 30th October for Italian Somaliland. <sup>The F.O. have not been officially informed as yet that the</sup> King's pleasure is that His Majesty should be treated in the same way as the King of Spain on the occasion of his visit to Malta. (See Foreign Office letter of 13th October, flag J). The King has also expressed the hope that the King of Italy will fly his Standard at Aden (I gather that the King of Spain did not in fact fly his Standard at Malta and that there were in consequence no ceremonies on his arrival). The Foreign Office are telegraphing to-day to the Embassy at Rome to ascertain definitely whether His Majesty proposes in fact to fly his Standard or not, but to give a lead in the direction of his doing so.

2. The Resident's proposal <sup>in his letter of 16/10 was communicated</sup> to communicate the programme contemplated for the King's visit to His Majesty in advance through the Italian Consul at Aden seems suitable and the Foreign Office, I understand, agree.

3. It seems desirable to keep the matter on an official basis and a draft to the Foreign Office enclosing a draft telegram of instructions to the Chief Commissioner is attached. The draft touches on the question of the precautions to be taken in connection with His Majesty's visit. Aden is a very scattered place and the forces at the Chief Commissioner's disposal are very limited. But there is fortunately no reason to anticipate any incident and Colonel Reilly can be relied on to take all possible precautions.

*It would be as well, I think  
to include this; see para 4  
of draft telegram.  
17/10*

*T. J. Bait-Ward  
17/10*





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Draft Paper.

(8) POLITICAL Department.

DRAFT LETTER.immediate

17 OCT 1934

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the visit of the King of Italy to Aden, I am directed by the S/S for I. to enclose for the information of the S/S for F.A. a copy of a telegram from the Chief Commissioner at Aden.

2. The S/S sees much advantage in Sir Bernard Reilly's suggestion that he should communicate the programme proposed for the King of Italy's visit to Aden to His Majesty in advance through the Italian Consul at Aden.

As regards the arrangements to be made in connection with the visit, he understands, as the result of d.o. communications which have taken place with the F.O., that it is His Majesty's pleasure that the King of Italy should be treated in the same way as the King of Spain on the occasion of his visit to Malta in 1927 and that steps are being taken to ascertain urgently from H.M. Embassy in Rome whether the King of Italy will in fact fly his Royal Standard while at Aden.

3. Subject to Sir John Simon's concurrence the S/S would propose to despatch the telegram of which a draft is enclosed to the G.of I. and the Chief Commissioner at Aden.

P.T.C.

Mr. Samuel House suggests that it would be advisable to let the Italian Ambassador know that the step is being taken & to say that it would be appreciated if H.M.'s <sup>any position</sup> wishes on the programme could be communicated to him in advance of the visit. The Chief Commissioner is already <sup>in</sup> touch with him.

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... Adly.

W.O.  
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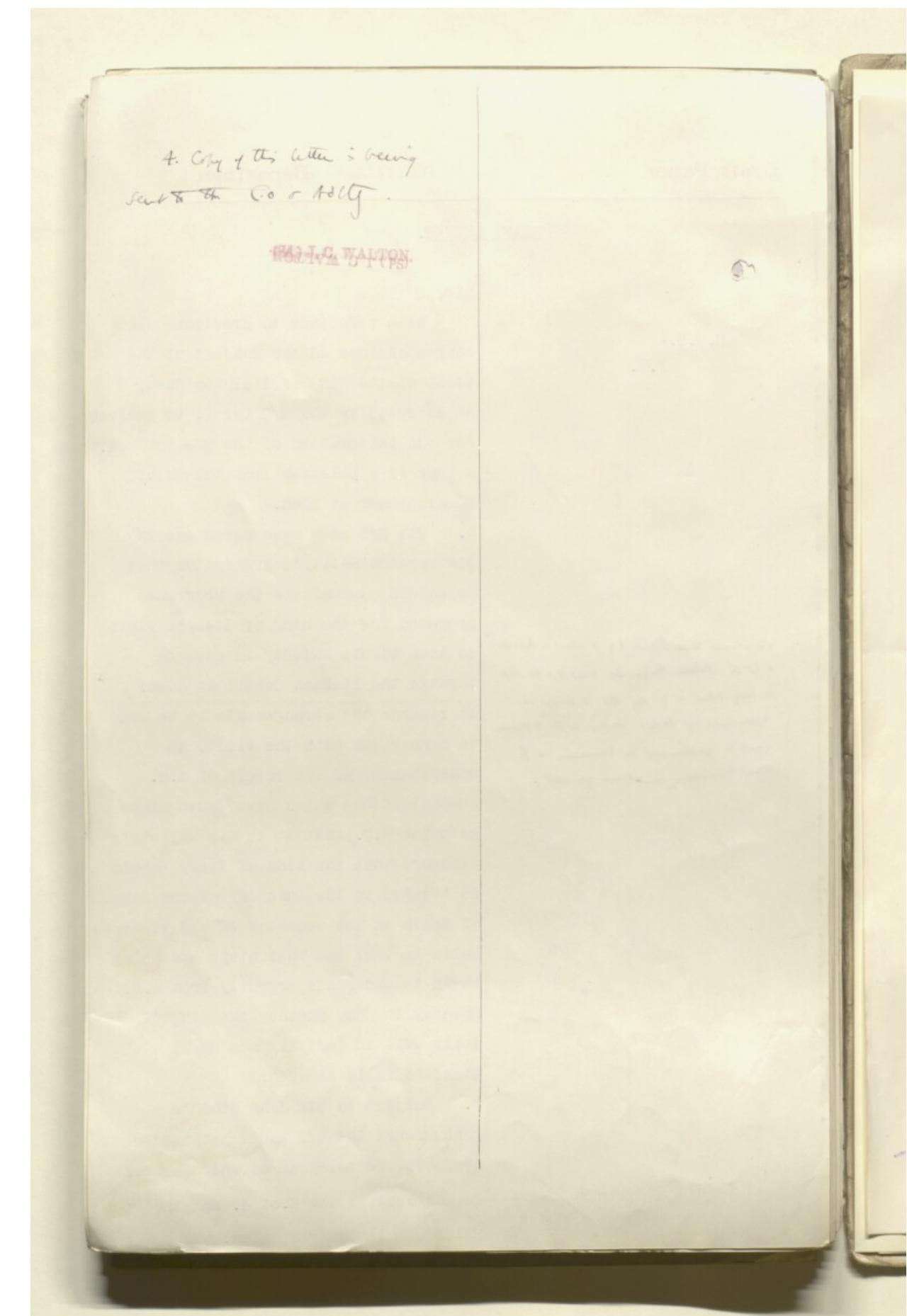
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EDWARD WALTON.





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## DECYPHER OF TELEGRAM.

From Chief Commissioner, Aden, to  
(COPIES Foreign Secretary, Government of  
CIRCULATED) India and repeated by former to  
India Office.

Dated Aden, 16th October, 1934.

Received 16th October, 1934, 5-30 p.m.

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86. Addressed to Foreign, Simla, repeated to  
India Office, London, Colonial Office, London. Your  
telegram of the 15th instant, Foreign 34-C. Arrangements  
will be made to receive the King of Italy as instructed,  
subject to concurrence of the King, to whom I propose to  
(? communicate) programme in advance through the Italian  
Consul at Aden. As stated in (corrupt group) 6,141,  
my present military Aide-de-Camp, Hodson Mackenzie, will leave  
Aden, October 24th, and no military officer will be then  
available here to take his place. As Government of India  
has not yet appointed his successor, and as I cannot make  
arrangements for the King's visit or carry out them without  
the help of an Aide-de-Camp or a personal assistant, I am  
asking Captain Hickinbotham, Civil Secretary, to act  
temporarily as personal assistant, and either Colonel Lake,  
Political Secretary, or Mr. Ingrams, Political Officer, to  
enable him to do so by acting temporarily as Civil Secretary,  
although these two officers belonging to the Colonial  
service are not properly liable for this duty. These special  
arrangements

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"my telegram of the 5th instant"



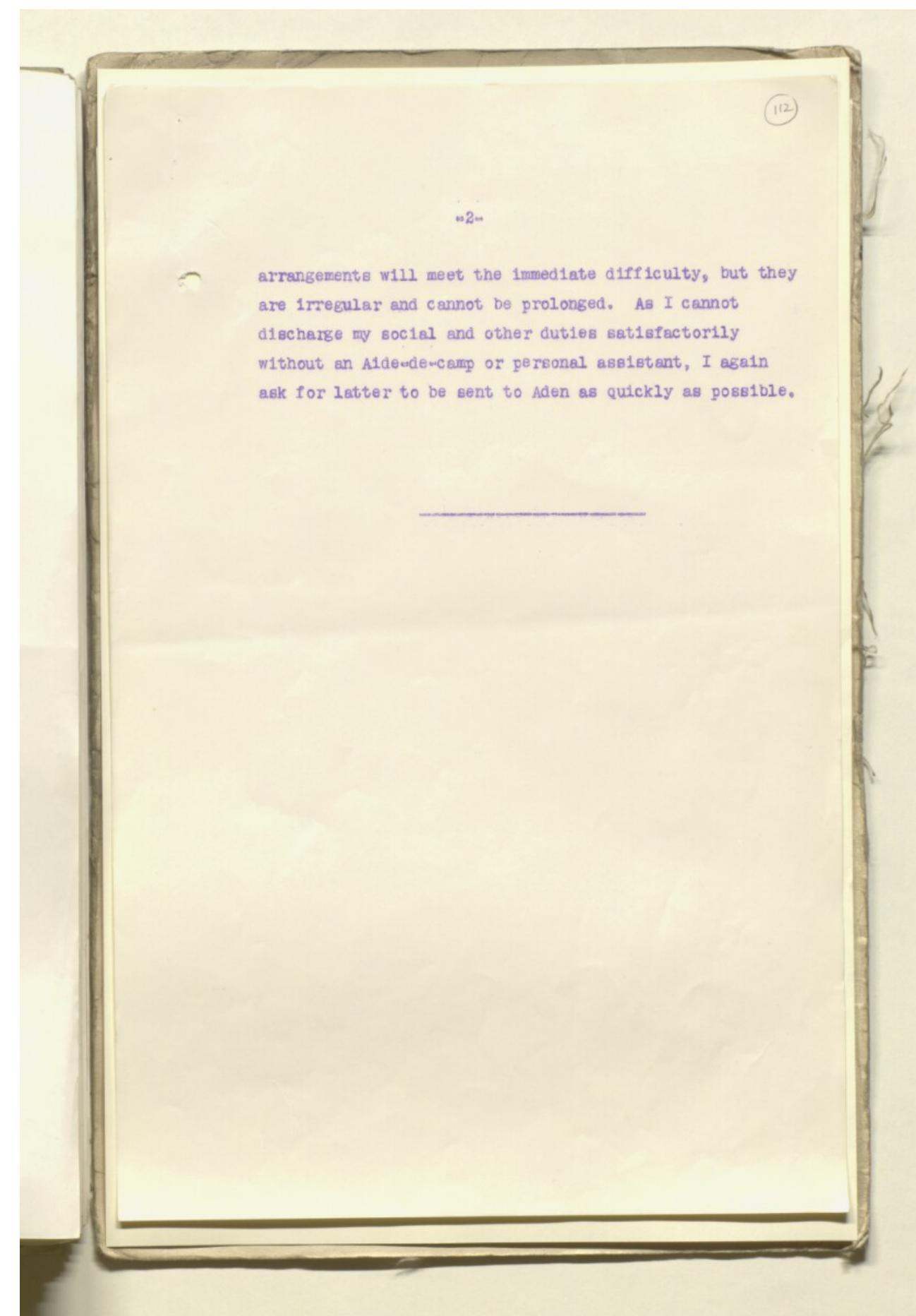


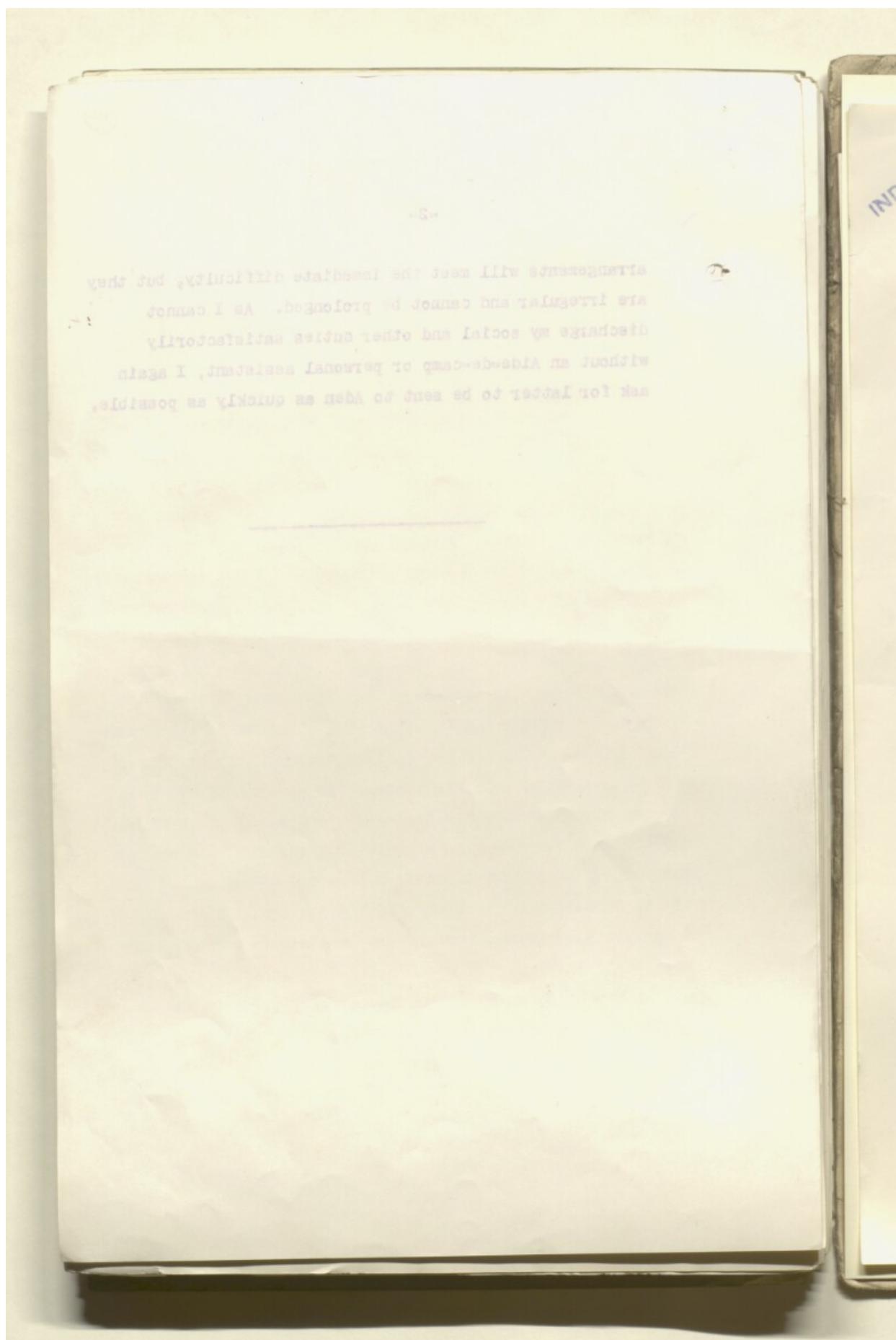
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arrangements will meet the immediate difficulty, but they are irregular and cannot be prolonged. As I cannot discharge my social and other duties satisfactorily without an Aide-de-camp or personal assistant, I again ask for latter to be sent to Aden as quickly as possible.

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DECYPER OF TELEGRAM.

From Government of India, Foreign and Political Department, to Chief Commissioner, Aden, and repeated by former to Secretary of State for India.  
(COPIES CIRCULATED)  
Dated New Delhi, 15th October, 1934.

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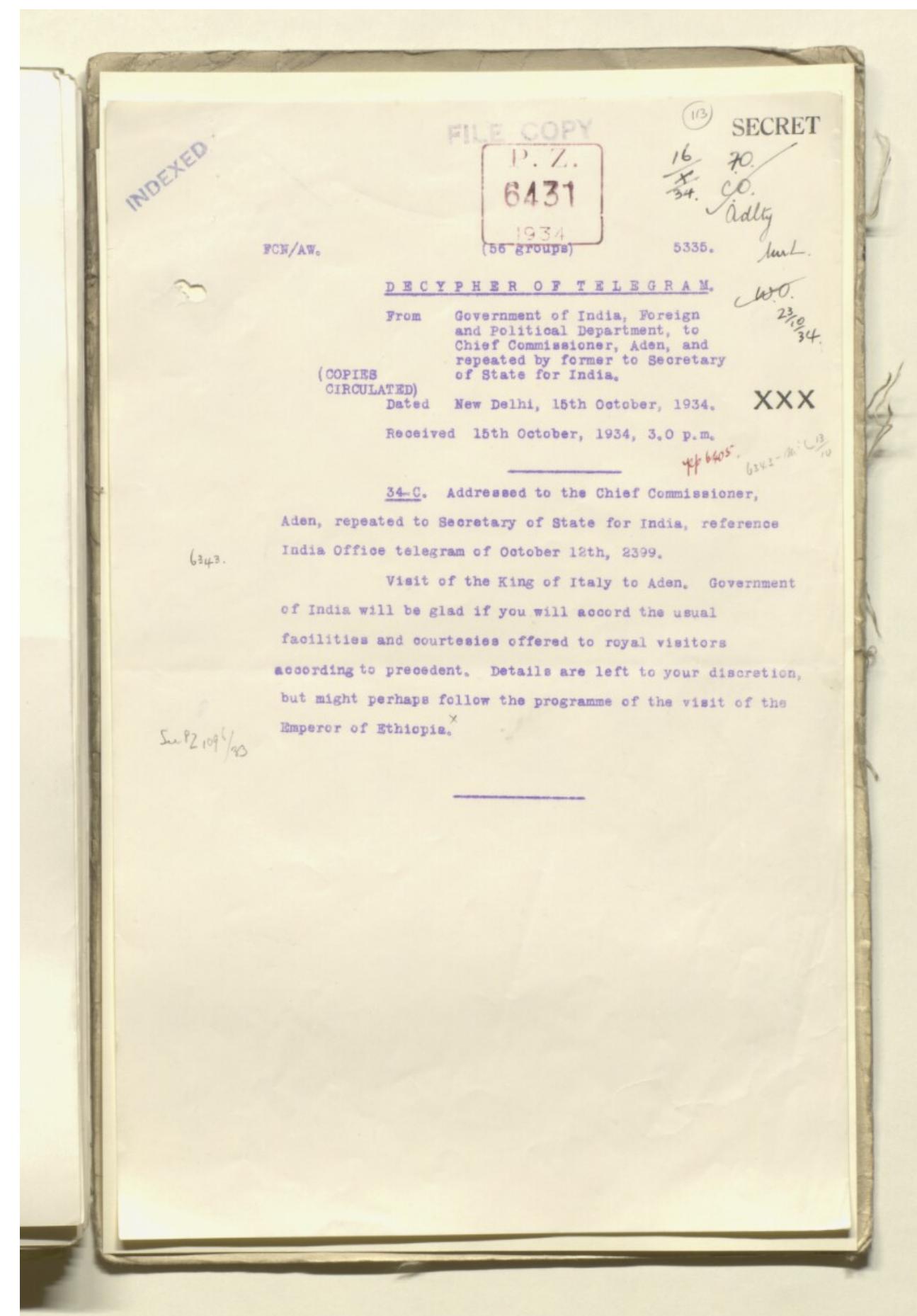
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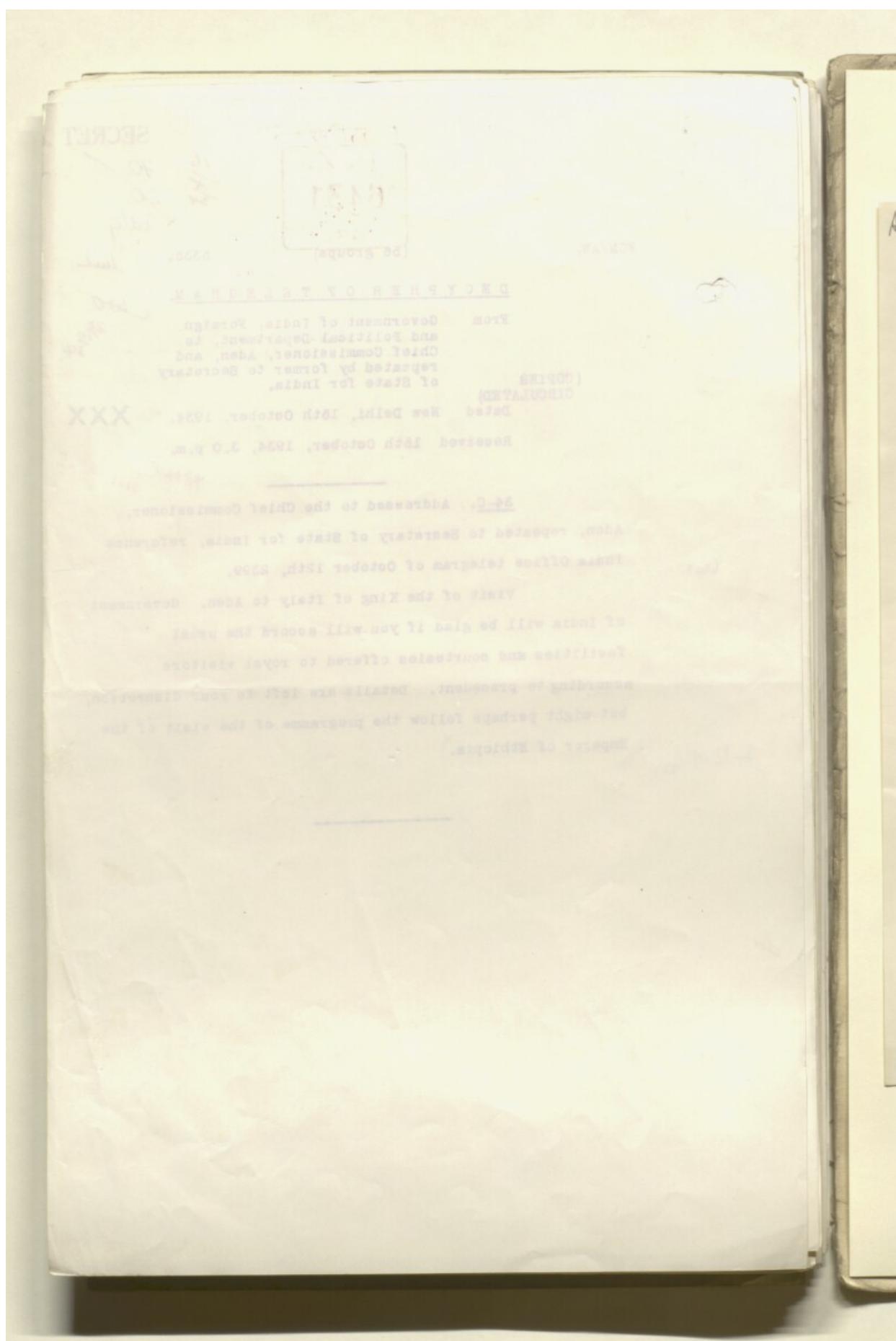
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34-C. Addressed to the Chief Commissioner, Aden, repeated to Secretary of State for India, reference India Office telegram of October 12th, 2399.

Visit of the King of Italy to Aden. Government of India will be glad if you will accord the usual facilities and courtesies offered to royal visitors according to precedent. Details are left to your discretion, but might perhaps follow the programme of the visit of the Emperor of Ethiopia.

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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his  
compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for India  
and, by direction of the Secretary of State,  
transmits herewith copies of the under-mentioned papers.

Foreign Office,  
18 October, 1934.

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Reference to previous correspondence:

Foreign office letter No J2891/1942/66 of 5<sup>th</sup> October 6344

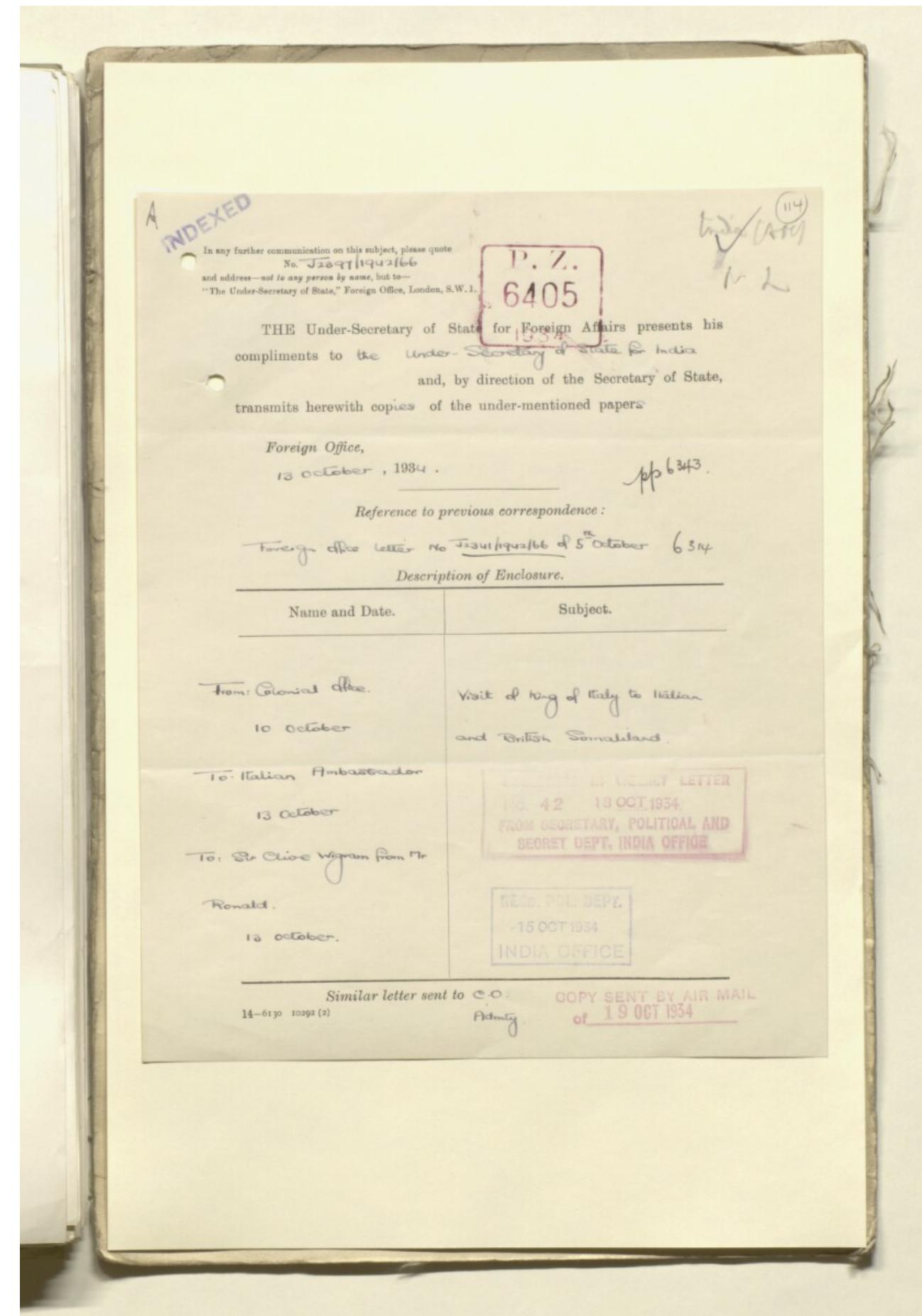
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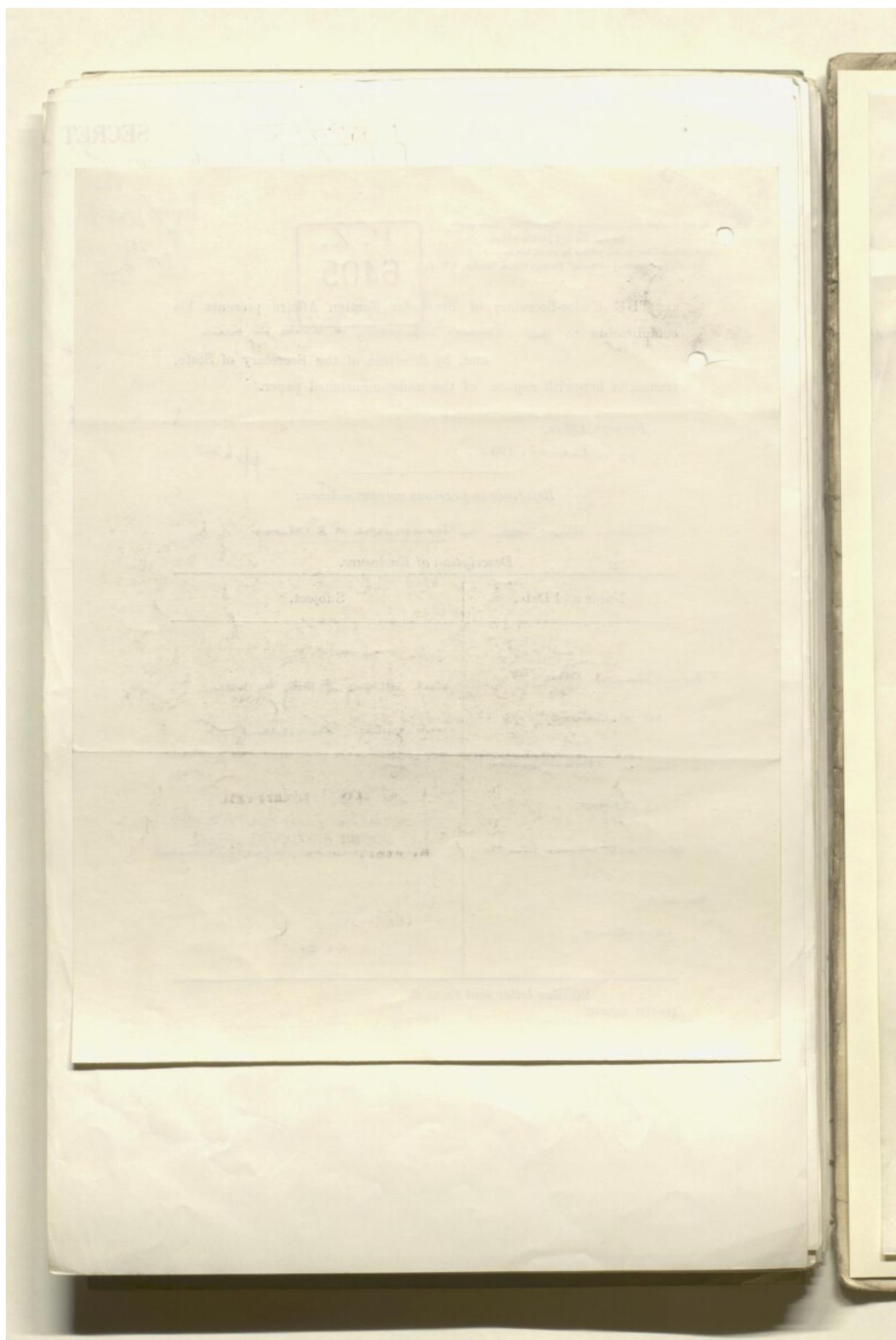
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From: Colonial Office. 10 October	Visit of King of Italy to Italian and British Somaliland.
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Colonial Office,

Downing Street,

10th October, 1934.

Sir,

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Gunliffe-Lister to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th October, No.J 2341/1942/66, and to request you to inform Secretary Sir John Simon that, so far as this Department is concerned, there is no objection to the visit to Aden of the Italian naval vessel "Savoia", on board of which will be His Majesty the King of Italy, and of the cruiser "Gorizia".

2. It is understood that the India Office is communicating with the Government of India regarding any arrangements which may be required in connexion with the visit.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) J.A.Calder.

The Under-Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office.





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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

13th October, 1934.

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Your Excellency,

In reply to your Note No. 3717/A/1 of 2nd October, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that there is, of course, no objection to the call at Aden of the Royal yacht "Savoia", with His Majesty the King of Italy on board, escorted by the cruiser "Gorizia".

S. The Resident at Aden has been informed of His Majesty's intention to visit that port from 28th October - 30th October, and instructions will be issued to the competent authorities to afford to His Majesty all possible facilities.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

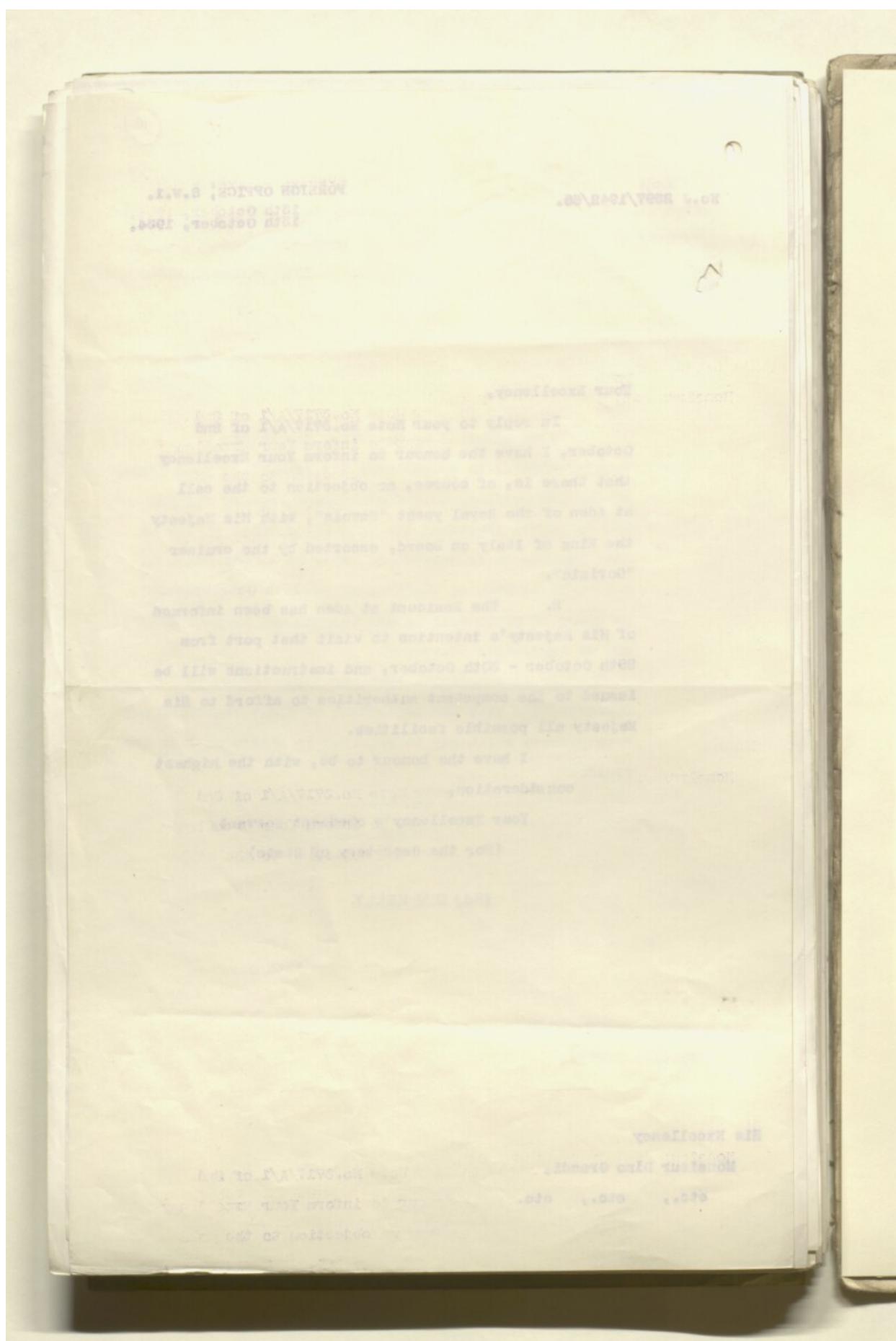
(For the Secretary of State)

(Sd.) D. V. KELLY.

His Excellency

Monsieur Dino Grandi,

etc., etc., etc.





FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

18th October, 1934.

(J 2397/1942/66)

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I enclose a copy of a note from the Italian Ambassador requesting permission for the visit to Aden of the Royal Yacht "Savoia" with the King of Italy on board, and of the escorting cruiser "Goriszia". The Admiralty, India Office and Colonial Office have been approached and have signified that there is no objection to these visits.

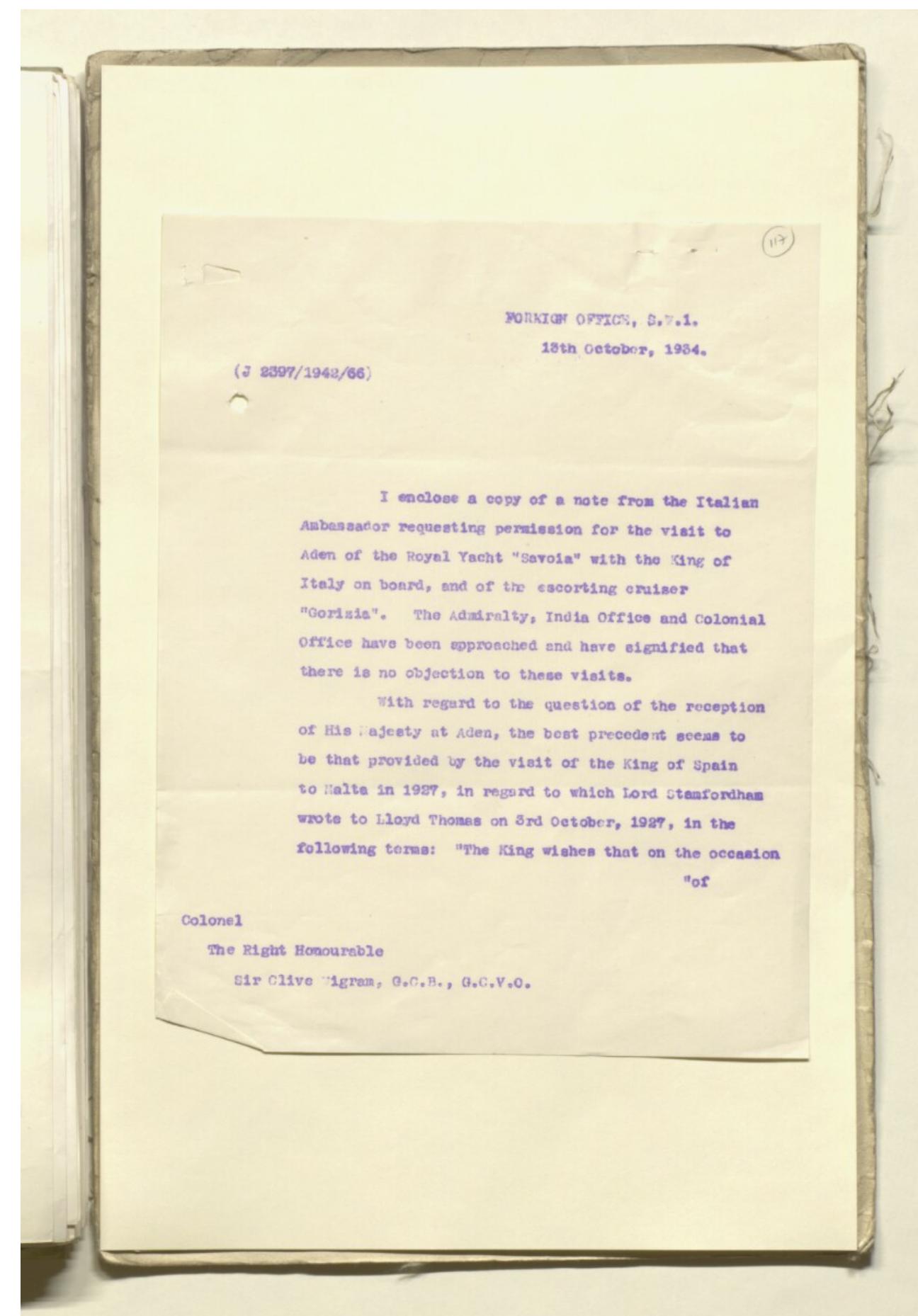
With regard to the question of the reception of His Majesty at Aden, the best precedent seems to be that provided by the visit of the King of Spain to Malta in 1927, in regard to which Lord Stamfordham wrote to Lloyd Thomas on 3rd October, 1927, in the following terms: "The King wishes that on the occasion

"of

Colonel

The Right Honourable

Sir Clive Ingram, G.C.B., G.C.V.O.







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"of the King of Spain's visit to Malta, His Majesty,  
"whether he be travelling incognito or not, if his  
"Royal Standard is hoisted should be received with all  
"honours and compliments by both Naval and Military:  
"in fact to be treated exactly the same as if King  
"George himself were visiting the Island".

The Italian Embassy cannot say definitely  
whether King Victor Emmanuel will hoist his Standard,  
but we take it - and the Admiralty agree - that, since  
His Majesty is travelling on a State visit to Somaliland  
escorted by a cruiser, his Standard will be flown in  
"Savoia".

Would you be so good as to inform The King of  
the proposed call at Aden and to take His Majesty's  
pleasure as to the treatment which should be accorded  
to the King of Italy at that place?

(Sd) Miguel Ravard





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POLITICAL Department.

DRAFT TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State to

Government of India, F. & P. Dept.  
no 2398

Repeated Chief Commissioner, Aden.  
no 2399

Italian naval vessel SAVOIA and  
cruiser GORIZIA with King of Italy on  
board will call at Aden 28 October  
leaving on 30th for Italian Somaliland.  
Please instruct Resident to make all  
necessary arrangements for His Majesty's  
reception.

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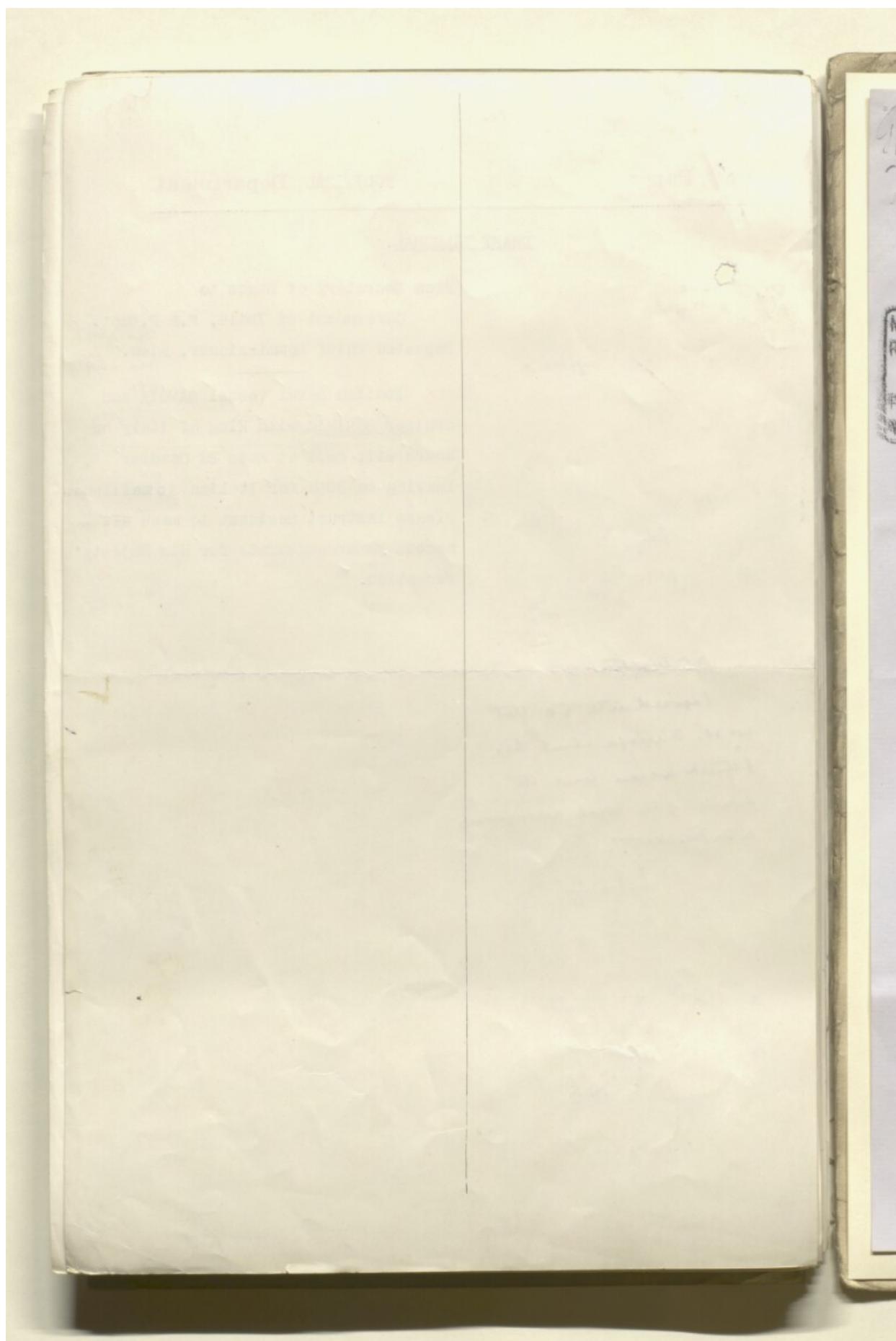
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Agreed with T.O. that  
we st. telegraph about this.  
I think we can leave the  
details of the local arrangements  
to the Resident.

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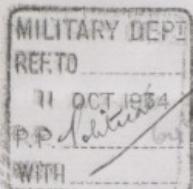


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Letter from the Colonial Office of the 5th of October,  
No. 5.2341/1934/16.

Downing Street,

10 October, 1934.

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I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you,  
for the information of the Secretary of State for India,

a copy of the papers noted below, on the subject of the visit to Aden  
of the Italian vessels "Savoia" and "Gorizia".

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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The Under Secretary of State,

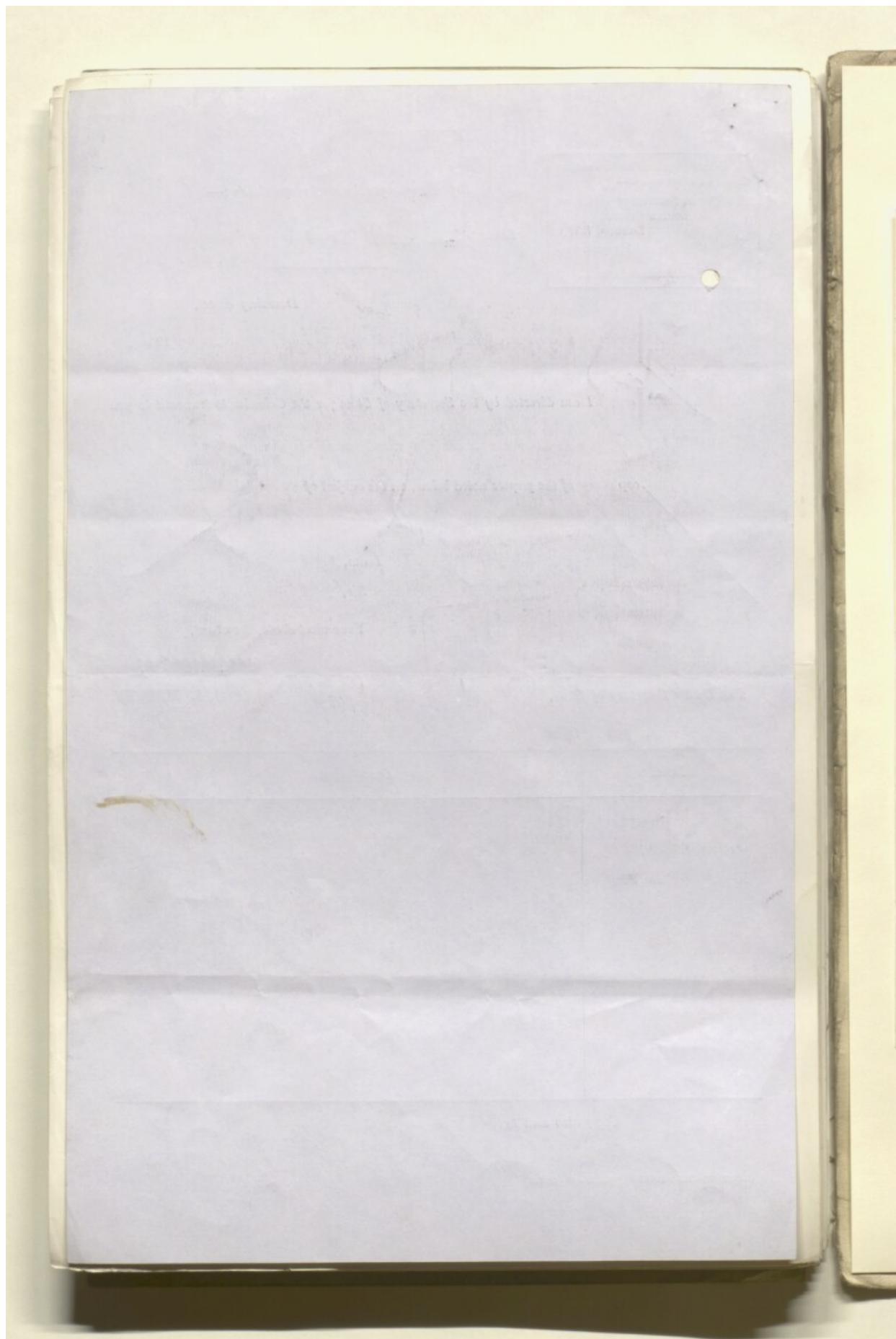
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Sir,

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th of October, No.J.2341/1942/16, and to request you to inform Secretary Sir John Simon that, so far as this Department is concerned, there is no objection to the visit to Aden of the Italian naval vessel "Savoia", on board of which will be His Majesty the King of Italy, and of the cruiser "Gorizia".

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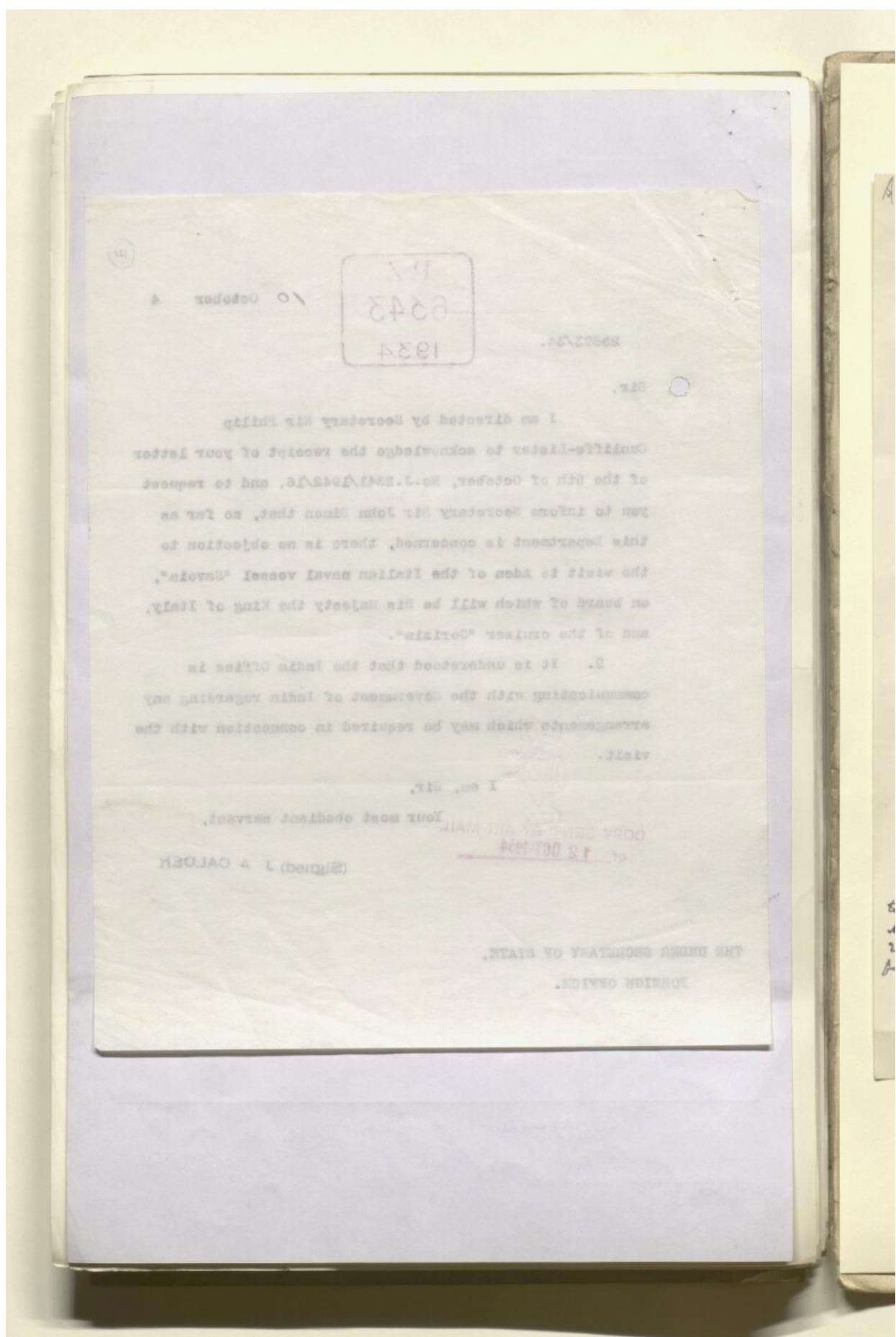
I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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(Signed) J A CALDER

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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for India and, by direction of the Secretary of State, transmits herewith copies of the under-mentioned paper for such observations as Sir Samuel Hoare may desire to offer.

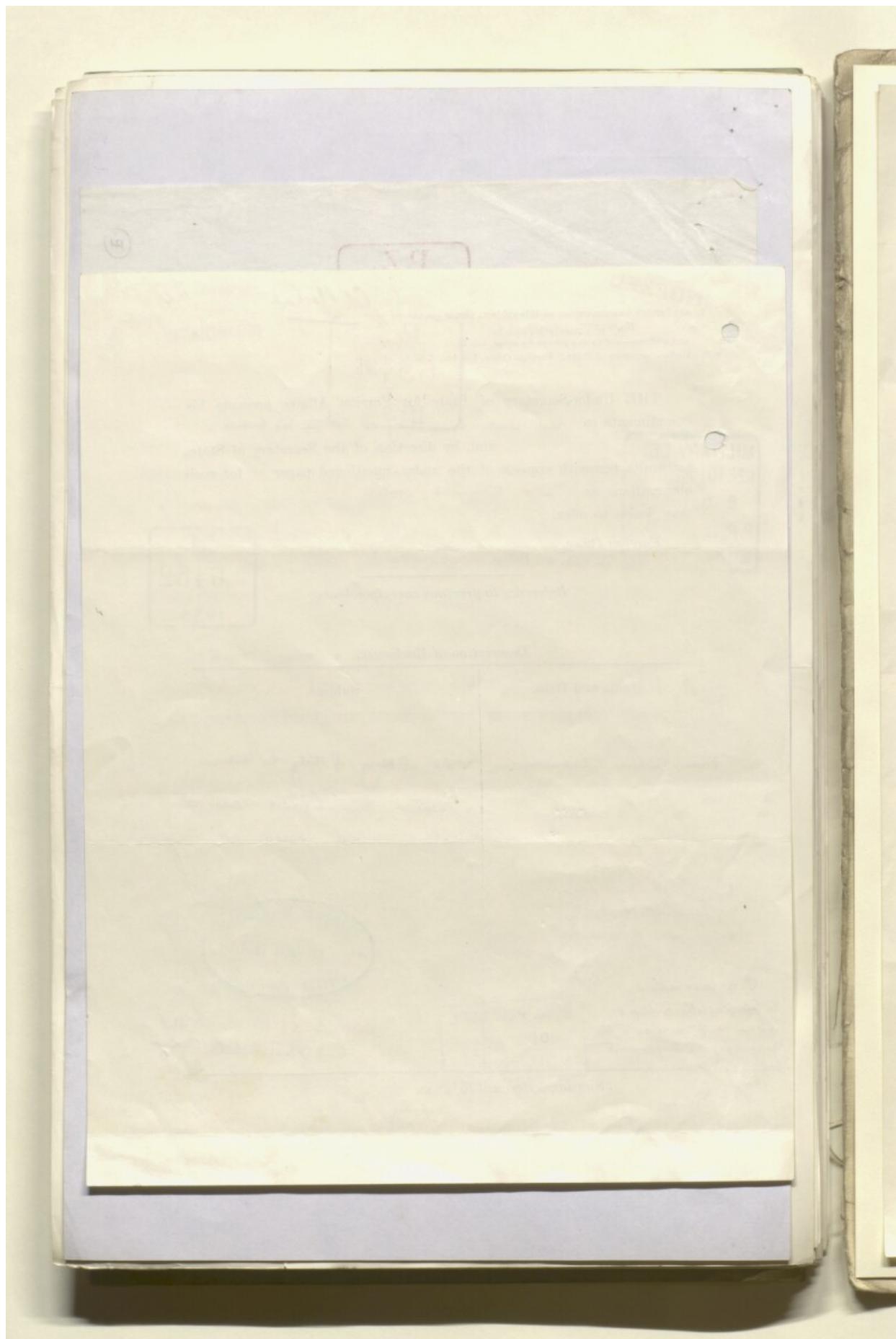
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6 OCT 1934  
WITH Foreign Office,  
6 October, 1934.

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Reference to previous correspondence:

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From: Italian Ambassador 2 October	Visit of King of Italy to Italian British Somaliland - call of Italian naval vessels at Aden.
Colonel Macrae has wired us to accept invitation thus, shall I agree to. Yours, C.O. 10/10/34	
C.O. has agreed to telegraph Ambassador with a view to the removal of any objection by way of K.L. 10/10/34 15-7983	
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ITALIAN EMBASSY,

LONDON.

2nd October, 1934.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that Your Excellency will be so good as to inform me whether there is any objection to the call at the port of Aden of the Italian naval vessel "Savoia", on board of which will be His Majesty the King, and of the cruiser "Gorizia", which is escorting the former. These vessels will arrive at Aden on the 28th October and will leave again on the 30th October next for Italian Somaliland.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) GRANDI.

The Right Honourable

Sir John Simon, G.C.S.I., K.C.V.O.,

etc., etc., etc.

